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Retired Granite City steel worker Richard Schubert tosses a net into the Mississippi River on Chouteau Island during a fishing expedition. Chouteau Island may play a major role in the development of a park and trailway system on both sides of the Mississippi.

## Chouteau Island may become nature park

Discussions scheduled for Aug. 30

By Scott Cousins  
 Staff writer

Federal, state and local officials will meet at the end of the month in Madison to discuss plans to turn Chouteau Island into a 5,000-acre park and nature area.

At last week's Madison City Council meeting, Mayor John Hamm said a meeting is planned for Aug. 30 and will include U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, state Rep. Tom Holbrook and representatives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Madison County Transit District, Gateway Trailnet Inc., and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

"What I'm doing now is asking for help and ideas," Hamm said Thursday. Hamm has talked about using the island for recreation ever since the city annexed out to the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge.

As part of the agreement between Madison, Madison County and Granite City over that annexation, the city of Madison will eventually annex all federal land on the island, which Hamm said may happen in as soon as six months.

Annexation of federal property requires the consent of Congress.

The city has also annexed other properties, including the Waste Management Inc. property, and will also annex coun-

ty-owned properties that were bought out by the Federal Emergency Management Agency after the 1993 flood. Hamm has said the primary focus of the city's efforts on Chouteau Island would be recreational.

The Aug. 30 meeting came as a result of a meeting last week between Hamm and Costello.

"We are setting it up at the behest of the mayor of Madison to look at development of Chouteau Island as a nature preserve," said Costello spokesman Frank Miles. "The mayor indicated an interest in developing the island as kind of an urban park and we're

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## Port Authority moving ahead with Price base development plans

By Scott Cousins  
 Staff writer

With a final decision on the Charles Melvin Price Support Center expected sometime in the next few months, the Tri-City Regional Port Authority is moving ahead with plans to

Final decision on facility's fate not expected for several more months

develop the base property. At a luncheon meeting Tuesday, the Port Authority Board met to discuss the situation. The U.S. Army Material Command, which "owns" the base, has said it will not continue to pay the roughly \$13

million each year to maintain it. The base is now undergoing a "Record of Excess" that will determine its fate. The ROE is an internal military process through which the military decides what to do with a base that has fallen below a certain

personnel threshold. The base narrowly avoided the last round of Base Realignment and Closure hearing. If the base closed, either completely or partially, the Port Authority would be the most likely agency to receive

control of the 600-plus acre facility. While local agencies fought the closure of the base under BRAC, they now talk about how the property can be redeveloped. "We needed to discuss the possibility of certain

Department of Defense agencies staying on Price and how that would affect comprehensive planning for reuse," Port Authority Executive Director Robert Wydra said. "We don't know at this point which DoD agencies will stay." He said eight agencies have indicated they wanted to stay

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## Madison annexes Cloverleaf subdivision

Action adds 250-300 residents; sewer, trash service coming to citizens

By Scott Cousins  
 Staff writer

The Cloverleaf Subdivision was annexed into the city of Madison at a reconvened meeting Thursday afternoon.

The action will add about 250-300 residents to the city. No opponents of the annexation attended the meeting Thursday. About a dozen showed up at Tuesday's meet-

ing and presented petitions signed by about 45 residents opposing the annexation. The action was delayed because a trustee in the subdivision's fire protection district did not receive his official notice in time for Tuesday's meeting.

The city was able to annex the subdivision because it was surrounded by the city and contained less than 60 acres.

City officials said one of the main focuses of the annexation was to allow the city to bring sewers into the area, as well

as the East Madison neighborhood, which was annexed previously.

Both neighborhoods will be in a residential tax increment financing district, which will allow the city to install the sewer system at no cost to the residents.

However, the residents will have to pay for either an inspection fee to hook onto the sewer, or the cost of the line connecting to the sewer.

Madison Mayor John Hamm said he was working on ways to help residents with the

cost. City officials also wanted to annex the area to increase their population for the upcoming census.

Because grants, state fund allocations and other revenue sources are based on population, bringing in more residents will give the city a bigger share of or better chance of obtaining those funds.

Residents will probably pay about \$50 more per year in property taxes, but will receive city services, including trash service.

## GC schools getting improved computer software

New upgrades coincide with District 9's three-year technology plan

By Michael Heil  
 Staff writer

The Granite City School Board voted Tuesday night to approve expenditures of approximately \$32,000 in computer technology software purchases

to improve students' keyboarding and word processing skills.

"Technology is ongoing and it is necessary to prepare our students for skills they will need in the future workplace," said Bob Bischoff, director of technology for the district.

The computer upgrades coincide with a three year

technology plan to have every classroom from kindergarten to 12th grade Internet accessible by the end of October.

The plan will cost about a half-million dollars and has been funded by state and federal grants and district budget grants.

The board of education has aggressively supported the

plan since it began in 1998 and continues to aggressively support it," Bischoff said.

According to Bischoff, Coolidge Middle School will receive two Alpha Smart keyboard systems to be incorporated into language art classes. The systems, he said, are

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## This is how it's done



Granite City High School football coach Nick Petrillo points out a drill to his players during a Thursday morning practice session at the GC-HS campus. Preseason football practice got under way Wednesday morning throughout the area; practice for other teams begins Monday morning.

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## Bridge approach may be moved for possible hotel

### Gateway Plaza asks for Madison's assistance

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

The city of Madison will ask the Illinois Department of Transportation to have the approach for the new Mississippi River bridge moved about 400 feet to allow construction of a hotel near the Interstate 55/70 and Illinois 203 intersection.

#### MADISON

Mayor John Hamm said Tuesday that the owners of the Gateway Midstate Truck Plaza had requested the city's help in the matter in a letter dated Aug. 5.

While the bridge is probably at least a decade away, a corridor protection plan filed by IDOT prohibits development in the area affected by the bridge.

The approach for the

proposed new bridge would go between the truck plaza and the Millan Landfill, then cut across the northern tip of Gateway International Raceway.

Moving the approach several hundred feet closer to the landfill would allow the area immediately behind the truck plaza to be developed as a hotel.

Hamm said it was possible that a 90-room hotel could be built on the site, but company officials could not be reached for comment.

In other business, the council:

- Approved a request from St. Mary's Catholic Church for uniformed security at its annual parish picnic, Sept. 3-5.

The church also requested permission to block off part of the street, if necessary.

- Approved donating \$1,000

to Christmas in April.

- Approved hiring Gene Matlock as a parks/recreation/greenway planner at a cost of \$1,000 per month. Hamm said the position was needed at this time because of the activity at the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge and possible park grants.

- Concurred with the Finance Committee not to attend the annual Illinois Municipal League Conference in Chicago.

- Approved researching two properties for back taxes before accepting them from the owners. The properties are located at 920 Grand Ave. and 848 Alton Ave.

- Accepted the resignation of telecommunications officer Edward E. Hoover, who took a job at Olin Corp.

## Wisconsin-based Kohl's bringing six stores to St. Louis area this week

### Fairview Heights chain's only Metro East location

By Jeff Goodhart  
Staff writer

In its efforts to bring to area consumers moderately priced apparel and home products, Kohl's Department Stores will open six new stores throughout the greater St. Louis market on Friday.

#### METRO EAST

The locations scheduled to open in O'Fallon, St. Peters, Creve Coeur, Manchester, Bridgeton in Missouri and Fairview Heights in Metro East, represent the chain's first appearance in the St. Louis metropolitan area. They will be among Kohl's 240 stores located in 23 states.

Kohl's entry here is another example of the company's continued growth, said Glen Guskowski, vice president of Kohl's advertising division.

"We feel the St. Louis market is a viable one which provides us an opportunity to expand our retail services in the Midwest, a traditionally profitable market for Kohl's," Guskowski said.

Based on that potential and the demand for the retail service Kohl's offers, the company plans to further expand the St. Louis market with additional stores in the future, Guskowski said.

While new store sites have yet to be selected, Kohl's will look for areas where there is an opportunity and the success potential for its type of services, as it did when

selecting the six current sites, Guskowski said.

"Our success is based on our customers overwhelming acceptance of the Kohl's philosophy: a winning combination of national and private brands at great value, outstanding associates and a pleasant, convenient shopping

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## O'Fallon woman charged with killing sister for baby

### Boyfriend blows whistle on alleged plot

By Sanford J. Schmidt  
Staff writer

An O'Fallon woman was charged with first-degree murder Friday in Madison County Circuit Court for allegedly killing her sister in a plot to steal the victim's baby and call it her own.

#### MADISON COUNTY

Merri field, 22, of the second block of Rock Springs in O'Fallon, was held without bond Friday at the Madison County Jail.

Merri field allegedly hit her sister, Jossie L. Merri field, 18, of the 300 block of North Summit Street in Collinsville, over the head repeatedly with a large rock Thursday night, Madison County Sheriff Bob Church said.

The victim tumbled down the creek embankment and landed face-down in the water. The preliminary cause of death was believed to be drowning, authorities said. The suspect later led authorities to her sister's body.

Sandra Merri field, the suspect, was claiming to be pregnant for months but was not, Church said.

"The victim was killed predominantly for the child," Church said.

Authorities first learned about the killing when the

suspect and her boyfriend, Everett Jackson, 32, appeared at the Collinsville Police Department just after 9 p.m. Thursday.

The sheriff said there is reason to believe that Sandra Merri field suspected Jackson is the father of the infant, although further investigation will have to be done to determine with certainty whether that was the case.

Church said the suspect had tried to convince Jackson that she had delivered the baby that same evening. Jackson became suspicious and persuaded Sandra Merri field to tell the truth, which was that she killed her sister to steal the baby, the sheriff said.

"The plot was foiled by her boyfriend," said Church, who commended Jackson for coming forward. Jackson took the incident hard, said Capt. Don Spaul.

chief of detectives for the sheriff's department. "He was devastated. He broke down during the interview," Spaul said, noting that Jackson said he could not believe what had happened.

Even after coming to the police station and admitting to the killing, Sandra Merri field allegedly continued to insist she had been pregnant after several miscarriages.

"She said the baby was stillborn prematurely, and she threw it in Horseshoe Lake," Church said.

Members of the Bubblemasters Underwater Recovery Team, a local diving group, were out at 5 a.m. Friday searching the lake when the woman changed her story and admitted she was not pregnant and there was no baby, investigators said.

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# Pulitzer Prize-nominated writer speaking Tuesday

Pelzer's topic strikes close to home for him

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Pulitzer Prize-nominated author Dave Pelzer will speak about the relationship between children and those who abuse them during a workshop Tuesday in Collinsville.

Pelzer, who endured child abuse, including physical torture and near starvation, will present "Through The Eyes of a Child" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday at the Gateway Center in Collinsville. The workshop is sponsored by the Children's Home & Aid Society of Illinois, United Way of Greater St. Louis Success by 6, and Bank of America.

Dave Pelzer, a Pulitzer Prize-nominated author who will speak at Collinsville's Gateway Center Tuesday, authored a pair of books based on his experiences as an abused child, including "A Child Called It," the book for which he was nominated for the Pulitzer.

Foundation/UWA Success by 6 Enhancement Initiative. Pelzer's first book, "A Child Called It," was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. He is also the author of "The Lost Boy," which is also on *The New York Times* best seller list. He is the first author to have two books simultaneously on the list in trade paperbacks. After being rescued from child abuse at age 12, Pelzer

was placed in the foster care system until he joined the U.S. Air Force at 18. The workshop is designed for foster parents, educators, law enforcement, legal and child welfare professionals, and other who work with children. It deals with the dynamics of the relationship between the child and adult perpetrator and attempts to show the nature and various developmental stages of a perpetrator's attempts to manipulate their intended victim. The registration fee is \$30.

## Obituaries

### Charles Cook

CHARLES O. COOK, 82, of Granite City, died at 9:08 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, 1999, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville.



He was born March 14, 1917, in Granite City. Mr. Cook was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He worked as a switchman in the railroad yard at Granite City Steel, retiring in 1977 after 30 years. He is survived by his wife, Edna F. (Kerster) Cook; a daughter, Karen Felin of Gillespie; a stepdaughter, Helen Crabtree of Casselberry, Fla.; two brothers, Leonard Cook of Troy and Don-

ald Cook of Granite City; two sisters, Rose Mikes of Edwardsville and Pearl Wright of Alabama; four grandchildren; and several step-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cyndle and Margaret (Battell) Cook; four sisters, Martha Baker, Dorothy Jones, Alice (Inman) and Mae Labau; and a stepson, Charles Daigler.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Sunday, Aug. 15, 1999, at Thomas Mortuary in Granite City.

Graveside services will be held at 10:15 a.m. Monday, Aug. 16, at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis with the Rev. David G. Mays officiating. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

### John Cross

JOHN W. CROSS, 72, of Edwardsville, died at 4:40 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, 1999, at Rosewood Care Center in Edwardsville.

He was born Oct. 29, 1949, in Tusculum, Mo. Mr. Cross worked as a printer at the Charles Melvin Price Support Center in Granite City and Wood River Printing and Publishing before retiring from the Suburban Journals in 1988. He was a member of Hope Tabernacle in Staunton.

He is survived by his wife, S. Allene (Jurgens) Cross, whom he married on Aug. 13, 1949.

Other survivors include three sons, Gary Cross and Craig Cross, both of Edwardsville, and Terry Cross of Glen Carbon; a daughter, Rhonda Mayfield of Granite City; a brother, Charles Cross of Granite City; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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## Police Blotter

### Granite City Police

• **BURGLARY:** A bicycle was stolen recently from a garage at Terrace Lane. According to a police report, there were no signs of forced entry. The bike was stolen Aug.

5. It was valued at \$100.

• **A garage burglary** occurred recently in the 1300 block of Rhodes.

According to a police report, about \$350 in tools were taken between 10:30 p.m. Monday and

8 a.m. Tuesday. Police are investigating and have a suspect.

• **A garage burglary** occurred recently in the 3000 block of Circle.

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# Obituaries

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He was preceded in death by his parents, Elmer and Nancy (Birdsong) Cross, and two brothers, Alan and Bryce Cross.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today, Sunday, Aug. 15, at Weber Funeral Home in Edwardsville, with the Rev. Dennis Mayfield officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to Hope Tabernacle.

**Nellie Edmiston**  
**NELLIE IRENE EDMISTON**, 86, of West Frankfort died at 8:20 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, 1999, at her residence.

She was born April 24, 1913 in Trimble, Tenn. Mrs. Edmiston was a homemaker. She was a member of Briarcliff Pentecostal Church in Granite City.

Survivors include two sons, John Waters of West Frankfort and Robert Waters of Pensacola, Fla.; three daughters, Marie Barnes of West Frankfort, Ruby Ybarra of Granite City, and Mary Ellen Allen of Crystal City, Mo.; one brother, Joe Coleman of Hobart, Ind.; and 15 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Buster Edmiston; her parents, Marion and Ella (Epperson) Coleman; and two brothers, Max and Bernice Coleman.

Visitation will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, Aug. 16, at Werner-Mick Funeral Home, Granite City.

Funeral services will follow at the funeral home, with the Rev. Tom Smith officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis.

**John Graville**

**JOHN J. GRAVILLE**, 80, of Madison, died at 9:28 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, 1999, at Forest Park Hospital in St. Louis.

He was born June 10, 1919, in Madison, Mo. Graville was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II and was of the Catholic faith. He was a member of Croatian Home, The American Legion, an AEWETS Post 204 past commander, Fifth District commander and a chaplain.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn (Sexton) Graville, whom he married on Feb. 7, 1942; three daughters, Sharon Maurer of Salem, Geri Patterson of Madison and Deb-

bie Davis of Ballwin, Mo.; five sons, Richard Graville of Kell, Ind., Donald Graville of Avondale, Ariz., Randall Graville of Alton, Gary Graville of Granite City and Ronald Graville of Woodbridge, Va.; a brother, Dan Graville of St. Louis; two sisters, Connie George of Madison and Helen Kutoosky of Granite City; 17 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Daniel and Julia (Mihu) Graville; and four grandchildren, Johnson, Austin, James Graville, Rachel Graville and Gayla Graville. Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 14, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City, with the Rev. Jim Keefe officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Gardens in Edwardsville.

**Mary Peterman**  
**MARY (DORCHINEZ) PETERMAN**, 85, of Collinsville, died at 2:11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 12, 1999, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

She was born March 16, 1914, in Fayette, Mo. Mrs. Peterman worked at Red Rooster and the Steak House restaurant in Collinsville, retiring in 1975. She was a member of Nativity of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church in Madison, the Ladies Sodality of the church and the Collinsville Senior Citizens group.

She is survived by a daughter, Imogene Hammond of Salem; a son, Stephen Peterman Jr. of Belleville; a brother, Charles Dorcincoz of Taylorville; a sister, Ann Crowell of Collinsville; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Steve Peterman; her parents, John and Mary (Ozianich) Dorcincoz Sr.; and two brothers, John and Mike Dorcincoz, and a sister, Elizabeth Warren.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 14, at Nativity of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church, with the Rev. Thomas Succarotte officiating. Burial was in Orthodox Cemetery in Irwin.

Thomas Mortuary in Granite City handled the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Nativity of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church.

**Elsie Hock**

**ELSIE R. (WEIL) HOCK**, 81, of Lebanon, died at 2:05 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, 1999, at Cedar Ridge Healthcare Center in Lebanon.

She was born May 18, 1918. Mrs. Hock was a homemaker, member of St. Joseph Church in Lebanon and formerly active in the Parish Altar Society.

She is survived by a son, Edward L. Hock of Lakewood, Colo.; four brothers, Floyd Weil of Lebanon, Harold Weil of Troy, Oscar Weil of Rochester, and Russell Weil of Granite City; four sisters, Ruth Knipp of New Baden, Irene Underwood of Fairview Heights, Alice Radford of St. Louis and Bernette Radford of Cahokia; three grandchildren, Wendy Huggins of Dallas, Robert Hock of South Hamilton, Mass., and Edward Hock Jr. of Austin, Texas; and two great-grandchildren, Grand Huggins of Dallas and Mackenzie Hock of South Hamilton, Mass.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Hock; her parents, Oscar and Clara (Peschbacher) Weil; her brother, Everett Weil; and a son, Earl Hock.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 14, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Granite City, with the Rev. Jim Dougherty officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph Cemetery in Lebanon.

Meyer Funeral Home in Lebanon handled the arrangements.

**DR. CARLYLE ALBERT "DOC" SCHMITT** 78, of Pontoon Beach, died at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 11, 1999, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

He was born March 22, 1921, in Vaineyre. Dr. Schmitt was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. He was a member of the SPOE Elks Lodge in Granite City.

He is survived by his wife, Johanna (Noginski) Schmitt, whom he married on July 15, 1955.

Other survivors include a son, Charles Schmitt of Texas; a daughter, Marie Clark of Texas; and a granddaughter, Amber Ann Clark.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar A. and Ida H. (Muehl) Schmitt.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. today, Sunday, Aug. 15, at Werner-Mick Funeral Home in Granite City, with the Rev. Henry Crippen officiating. Dr. Schmitt's remains were cremated per his wishes.

Memorials may be made to Shriner's Hospital for Children or the Elks Lodge.

**Margaret Speidel**  
**MARGARET A. (YOUNG) SPEIDEL**, 61, of Granite City, died at 7:06 p.m. Saturday, July 31, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

She was born June 25, 1938, in Febus, Va. Mrs. Speidel was a homemaker and of the Christian faith.

She is survived by her husband, Vernon Speidel, whom she married on June 15, 1966.

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# 15 of 16 violations corrected at Beverly Farm home

By Linda Weller  
Staff writer

Beverly Farm Foundation officials announced Thursday that a team of state inspectors determined the home has corrected 15 of 16 patient-care violations discovered in June.

However, the five-member team from the Illinois Department of Public Health also reportedly found two more "minor" violations during its five-day, follow-up inspection, which began Aug. 4 and concluded Tuesday.

"They found two dietary violations. They are minor things," said Monte Welker, executive director of Beverly Farm Foundation. "A couple of residents had family-style eating in their (individual care) plans, and we were providing them dishes" of food. The second new violation, he said, was not having enough supervisors present while residents ate.

Tom Schafer, a spokesman for the Illinois Department of Public Health,

confirmed that the new problems are not severe.

The inspectors Thursday finished compiling their report on how the home had addressed the June violations in the 45-day deadline. The August inspection was a "re-survey" of the non-profit home and training center for developmentally disabled adults, 6301 Humbert Road in Godfrey.

State inspectors had reported violations they found during an annual evaluation of conditions at Beverly Farm, completed June 17. Among the violations were not keeping residents occupied constructively, verbal abuse and insufficient staffing.

The only violation from June that was not addressed adequately involved changes needed in 13 of the 403 residents' individual programs. "We didn't carry out the objectives, so we have to submit a plan of correction within 10 days," Welker said.

With 15 of 16 violations addressed, Welker said he is pleased with the outcome.

Among changes the staff made at the home were upgrading its evacuation procedures and expanding a policy on notifying parents or guardians of abuse to include non-staff and non-residents.

"Among the 16 violations, none of the residents' lives were threatened. Some violations were easily correctable. I'm not sure the 16 would have been a big deal one year ago," before the strike, Welker said.

Welker said the latest group of inspectors comprised a "special team" in light of the strike. Two of the members were "new eyes" from outside the region, two had been at Beverly Farm before, and they were joined by a supervisor of surveys, he said.

On July 8, State Rep. Louis Lang, D-Skokie, presented reporters with copies of the report, calling for the

state to put the home in receivership. The following day, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 31 went on strike against the home. Lang, chairman of the Illinois House Mental Health and Patient Abuse Committee, could not be reached late Thursday.

The strike continues into its second month, with no talks scheduled between the two sides. AFSCME officials have claimed the new replacement workers and employees from health care agencies are not providing quality care to the residents.

Buddy Maupin, an AFSCME official, said in a statement that he was not surprised the problems had been fixed at Beverly Farm, considering that continued violations could have resulted in the home's decertification.

"We believe that there are still unresolved deficiencies in the quality of care at Beverly Farm, and we feel

there are systemic problems that cannot be brushed away with quick, temporary solutions."

On July 30, Howard A. Peters III, secretary of the Illinois Department of Human Services; Dr. John R. Lumpkin, state public health director; and Melissa Wright, associate director of the Department of Human Services' Office of Developmental Disabilities — all of Springfield — paid a surprise visit to the home and its Developmental Training Center. The trio spent about 90 minutes at Beverly Farm and issued a statement saying they found no issues that would be a threat to the health, safety and well-being of clients.

AFSCME officials had said the visit was not long or thorough enough to be meaningful. The National Labor Relations Board is investigating complaints of unfair labor charges from both Beverly Farm and AFSCME against each other.

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# Internet offers access to Illinois information

I spend several hours every day on the Internet. So eventually, I said to myself, "Self, you need to do a column about Illinois-related web sites."

And here we go. Let's begin with my favorite web site, which just happens to be, ahem, mine. Now, before you start smirking, you should know that I don't make any money off of the site. There are no ads, except for one free banner that promotes a fight to save an online archive of song lyrics and guitar chords.

Anyway, it's at <http://www.capitolfax.com> and it's intended to be the definitive site for Illinois politics, government and media. As you might imagine, there's not exactly a lot of competition for that title, but, hey, it's still pretty comprehensive.

It also includes hundreds of links to reform groups, unions and special interest organizations. All of the web sites promoted in this piece can be found on the site.

United Press International has a great site: <http://news.excite.com/news/ill/> that helps you keep up on state news as it's happening throughout the day. Most events, large and small, are reported at that page.

If you want to find out exactly what was in a piece of legislation that was introduced in the last few years, you can go to:

[www.legis.state.il.us/legisnet/](http://www.legis.state.il.us/legisnet/)

The site is run by Legislative Information Systems, a state agency controlled by the General Assembly. All the info is free, which is a big improvement over LIS's high-cost, slow-connection dial-up service.

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Rich Miller

schedules, a copy of the state Constitution and the roster of General Assembly members can be accessed at: [www.legis.state.il.us/index.htm](http://www.legis.state.il.us/index.htm)

The state government's home page is: [www.state.il.us](http://www.state.il.us). All state agencies with web sites (which is just about every one of them) are there, as well as most of the local governments and all of the state's constitutional officers (governor, secretary of state, etc.). You can look up all sorts of stuff on the agency sites, from reports on licensed professionals to the latest gubernatorial press release.

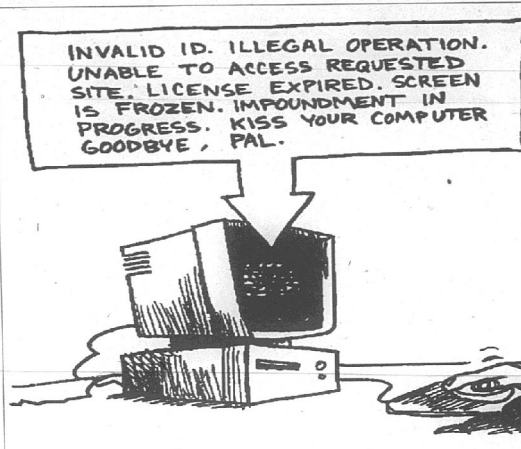
Want the latest list of registered lobbyists? Just point your browser at: [www.sos.state.il.us/depts/index/division.htm](http://www.sos.state.il.us/depts/index/division.htm)

A move to put the lobbyists' spending reports (and legislative conflict of interest statements) online was blocked by the Senate Republicans this past spring, so don't expect that info anytime soon.

The Illinois State Board of Elections has a searchable database of campaign contributions at:

[www.elections.state.il.us](http://www.elections.state.il.us). The site costs \$600 but is not easy to use.

I have yet to get it to work right on a consistent basis. The board people kindly offered to set up a training session for me, but the Internet is supposed to be easy to use. You can also find a well-constructed database of election results for the past



few years at the site.

Another site with campaign finance information, [www.opensecrets.org/ill](http://www.opensecrets.org/ill), is run by two "good government" groups, the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform ([www.ilcampaign.org](http://www.ilcampaign.org)), which also has some excellent reports on fundraising issues, and the Center for Responsive Politics ([www.opensecrets.org](http://www.opensecrets.org)), a national group with lots of info on federal campaign finance stuff.

Want to sue somebody and need a lawyer? Try the trial lawyers' association web page ([www.atlanet.org](http://www.atlanet.org)). Tired of

people suing at the drop of the hat? Find out what you can do about it at the Illinois Civil Justice League site ([www.icjl.org](http://www.icjl.org)). Want to buy an Illinois State Bar Association sweatshirt? Then by all means get on down to: [www.illinoisbar.org](http://www.illinoisbar.org)

The latest polls can be found at two sites. One is mine (<http://www.capitolfax.com/polls.htm>) and the other is run by the Polling Report ([www.pollingreport.com](http://www.pollingreport.com)).

My site is a collection of links to pollsters. The Polling Report takes highlights out of polls and groups them by subject.

Lots of newspapers are on the web, and most have very good pages. You can get a list at either my site ([www.capitolfax.com/media.htm](http://www.capitolfax.com/media.htm)) or at the Illinois Press Association's site ([www.illpress.com](http://www.illpress.com)). My site also has links to TV stations.

I don't spend all my time surfing through Illinois web sites. Whenever I want a good chuckle, I head to [www.theunion.com](http://www.theunion.com). The Union is a parody newspaper based in Madison, Wis. The articles occasionally spoof Illinois politics ("New Illinois Makes Led Zeppelin Bumper

Stickers Probable Cause for Police Search"), but this site is not for kids or the devout.

The danger of doing a column like this is I've left out a whole bunch of very good sites. So, I'll just apologize now and get it over with. If you have a personal favorite, e-mail me its address at: [capitolfax@aol.com](mailto:capitolfax@aol.com).

Rich Miller also publishes *Capitol Fax*, a statewide political newsletter. The preceding column, provided by the Illinois Press Association, does not necessarily reflect the opinions of the association or this newspaper.

## Committee VA decision is a 'shell game'

With big surplus, U.S. plans to reduce medical care funding

By Butch Miller

Amidst the great debate on what to do with a trillion-dollar budget surplus, the House Appropriations Subcommittee's decision to provide another \$825 million for the VA budget amounts to nothing more than the con artists old "shell game."

From the beginning of the budget process, The American Legion testified the VA needed at \$9 billion additional funding just to keep its head above water.

So how did the House deal with the obvious need for additional funding?

Pay close attention and see if you can follow the pea! First, VA medical care funding was reduced by \$2 billion.

Then the subcommittee restored \$3 billion in "emergency" spending.

That's an easy pea to follow if you pay attention.

We all balance our own checkbooks, and it doesn't take a genius to clearly see that unless Congress adds an additional \$1.1 billion to maintain the VA's current services, VA leaders will be forced to implement personnel cuts, terminate services and programs and ration health care.

The veterans' health care system is a national resource. Millions of veterans depend upon the system. Nearly 50 percent of the nation's doctors receive some of their training through medical school affiliations with VA Medical Centers.

In time of national disasters, the VA medical system is

a backup for civilian hospitals. And VA Medical Centers lead the way in medical research for prosthetics and geriatric innovations.

Americans must not remain silent while Congress fiddles and the VA health care system burns.

Congress and the Department of Veterans Affairs must quickly implement the GI Bill of Health. This proposal would open up VA health care facilities to military retirees, their families and veterans over age 65 receiving Medicare.

Use of patient TriCare, Champus, Medicare and personal insurance would ensure a healthy fiscal operation of the VA system.

For our nation's military retirees and elderly veterans,

the future of their health-care delivery system is questionable. Where will they turn for the quality health care they now receive? For many of them, the VA is their life-support system.

More than \$1 trillion generated from the peace dividend played a large part in producing this budget. During the last decade, over 35 percent of DOD's military medical facilities have been closed and tens of thousands former active-duty service members are now veterans. The GI Bill of Health can restore the promise so sadly broken.

It is time for Congress to add another \$1.1 billion to sustain the current level of VA health care. It is time for the U.S. Senate to add the needed funding to the VA budget.

Failing that, a House-Senate conference committee will be America's veterans' last hope to obtain needed funding for the VA budget.

The old "shell game" is fun at the county fair, but it has no place in budget posturing by our elected representatives. If an inadequate VA budget is left to stand, the actions that will have to be taken will leave many veterans with nowhere else to go, except home to die.

That is not an option.

Butch Miller is national commander of the 2.7 million-member, Indianapolis-based American Legion, the nation's largest wartime veterans organization. His home is in Woodbridge, Va.

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# Defendant denies role in murder-for-hire scheme

By Dennis Grubaugh  
Staff writer

A defendant denied his complicity Thursday in an alleged murder-for-hire scheme uncovered at the Madison County Jail but admitted his lifestyle was designed to mislead authorities.

James A. "Raven" Evans of Alton took the stand Thursday in his own defense during his conspiracy trial in Madison County Circuit Court.

He is accused of soliciting a jail cellmate earlier this year to arrange the killing of two witnesses who allegedly could tie him to the 1995 slaying of Nekemar "Pookie" Pearson in Godfrey.

During more than an hour of grilling by Assistant State's Attorney Keith Jensen, Evans denied his involvement in the slaying and said he never told anyone to kill anybody.

The most damaging testimony in the conspiracy case has come from Tommie Rounds, a former Alton resident now living in an undisclosed location. He is a cousin to Evans and a former cellmate who was released from custody to aid in the investigation.

Rounds testified Tuesday that Evans approached him while both were in jail about killing Alton bar owner Lester Warr and Illinois prison inmate Clifton Wheeler.

Wheeler has testified that he was at the scene when Evans fatally shot Pearson, leaving his naked body in a wooded Godfrey area.

Also at the scene, Wheeler said, was Brian Warr, the son of Lester Warr. Brian Warr was shot to death last September, and authorities believe the man who is accused of killing him, Robert Fletcher of Alton, somehow was put up to the crime by Evans.

They also think Evans viewed Lester Warr as a potential risk, although there has been no testimony to show that Lester Warr knew anything about the Pearson killing.

Evans testified it was Rounds, not he, who first suggested Wheeler might try to pin Pearson's killing on Evans.

Rounds approached authorities after allegedly being told of the murder plot and agreed to wear a recording device to monitor conversations with Evans during and after Rounds' jail stay.

Evans admitted he was suspicious of what was going on and carefully couched his words in all telephone conversations. He said he

did it to protect Rounds, who he believed was headed for trouble because he allegedly kept asking jail inmates about how to get a gun.

"I didn't want him to get in trouble with you guys," Evans told Jensen.

Earlier testimony indicated Evans arranged to get a gun to Rounds through a girlfriend. That transaction in Alton on March 7 was videotaped by authorities.

Taped conversations played for the jury this week were laced deliberately with slang words and phrases designed to talk around subjects. Evans referred to it as "talking ebionically."

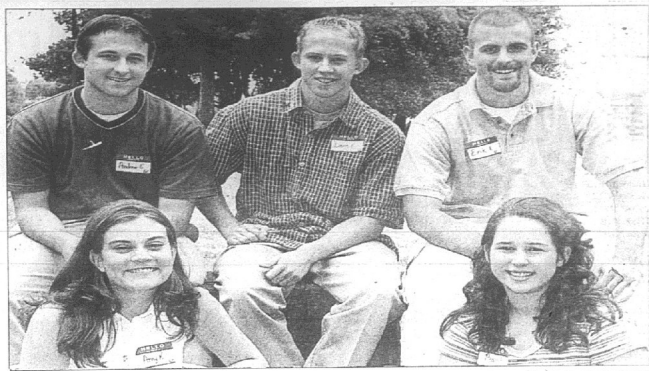
Evans was living under an assumed name in Los Angeles when he was arrested on a murder charge and brought back to Madison County in January.

He said he used an alias recently while working with an investment banker in California. He said he made several thousand dollars but admitted filing no tax forms since 1996 to avoid paying taxes.

Several passages on the taped conversations refer to "taking care of" Rounds, which authorities have asserted means paying him for arranging the murders of Wheeler and Lester Warr.

However, Evans said he merely was trying to get people outside the jail to look after his cousin, who was broke and homeless, once he was released.

Defense attorney Charles Shaw resiled his case Thursday.



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## Granite student leaders

The Greater Belleville Area National Youth Salute's annual conference took place recently at Belleville Area College's main campus. Five students from Granite City High School were among those taking part in the meetings. They were, front row, left, Amy Krishok and Megan Francis; and, back row, Andrew Eliff, David Eliff and Erik Kambarian. Some 200 students from 21 area high schools took part in the event.

## Felonies

The following felonies were recently filed in the Third Circuit Court in Madison County:

• **RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY:** Ericka M. Tatum, 26, was charged with residential burglary for an incident May 21 by the Madison County Sheriff's Department.

Tatum allegedly entered a residence in the 8500 block of Goshen Road in Edwardsville with the intent to commit theft. Bond was set at \$100,000.

• **BURGLARY:** Jerome Ward, 35, and Cynthia Ann Ward, 29, were charged with burglary for an incident Aug. 8 by the Collinsville Police Department.

The Wards allegedly entered the GrandPa's store at 9525 Collinsville

Road in Collinsville with the intent to commit theft. Bond for each was set at \$40,000.

• **CRIMINAL DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OVER \$300:** Robert W. Barton, 16, and Jeremy W. Parker, 17, were charged with criminal damage to property for an incident Aug. 9 by the Granite City Police Department.

Barton and Parker allegedly broke a glass floor of Granite City Moose Lodge 372. Bond for each was set at \$10,000.

• **Michael A. Musso, 18,** was charged with criminal damage to property for an incident Aug. 1 by the Collinsville Police Department.

Musso allegedly caused damage to the hood of a 1995 Chevrolet. Bond was set at \$30,000.

• **DRIVING WHILE LICENSE REVOKED:** Deborah A. Carlisle, 37, was charged with driving while her license was revoked for an incident July 2 by the Madison County Sheriff's Department.

Carlisle allegedly was driving a 1995 Dodge Truck on Illinois 113 while having previously been convicted on the same charge due to a 1994 conviction of driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$5,000.

• **AGGRAVATED BATTERY:** Tiffany S. Tillman, 22, and Catherine T. Miller, 23, were charged with aggravated battery for an incident Aug. 9 by the Madison County Sheriff's Department.

Tillman and Miller allegedly caused great bodily harm with a deadly weapon to another person by using a metal pipe to repeatedly beat the victim. Bond for each was set at \$20,000.

• **BATTERY:** Cedric C. Holman, 28, was charged with battery for an incident July 1 by the Glen Carbon Police Department.

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# Heavenly angels serve to guide and protect all of us

If our spiritual eyes could be opened, we would see that there are angels among us. They are beautiful, strong angels and they walk with us wherever we go, guard us at home, at work and play. They protect us, one on each side, guarding us with their fiery swords drawn, just like the great warriors they are. And as the Bible says, "We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses."

"My husband and I were trying to clean our driveway of snow," wrote reader Martha Steinborn of Florissant.

## A New You



Catherine Galasso

"Some big fellow in a red pick-up truck with a snow

blade started at the street where the snowplow had pushed about four feet of snow across our property and blocked our driveway.

"The stranger put his snow blade against that bank of snow and just kept on until he had our whole driveway cleared. That dear man just gave us a wave and left.

"We didn't get to thank him but we prayed that God would bless him. I think he was an angel."

"I've heard that angels never wait around for thanks, they

know all the glory goes to God. Where love abounds, angels hover overhead. With or without being seen, they are present, directed by the Holy Spirit, a loving glow beside us, keeping us safe and warm.

Angels give us comfort, confidence and guidance according to God's direction.

"For He shall give his angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways," Psalm 91:11.

I once read a story about a young man on a racing bike who started downward on a winding, steep mountain road. When he tried to apply his brakes, they failed.

Faster and faster the man sped out of control. On one

side of him was a steep drop, on the other side, a solid rock. Frozen in fear, he prayed, "God, help me!"

Suddenly he felt immediate calm. As he looked up, he saw and heard about 20 angels flying along with him, calmly talking and laughing with one another.

The next thing he knew, he was safely stopped at the bottom of the hill.

That young man's eyes were opened for a split second into the spiritual world.

We do not see angels all the time because our walk here on Earth is to be a walk of faith. With that strong faith, we can conquer all obstacles and know we have angels to help

us. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1.

You can't see love, but you know when it's there. You can't see joy, but you feel it in your heart. Gravity has never been seen, but we live in the effect of it every day.

It is the same thing with the presence of angels.

Catherine Galasso is a free-lance columnist for the Suburban Journals. You may write to her at Suburban Journals, 1714 Deer Tracks Trail, St. Louis, 63131, or by e-mail at westnews@primary.net.

## Senior Spelling Bee set for Aug. 31

All seniors in Southwestern Illinois are invited to take part in a friendly competition at the Senior Olympics Spelling Bee on Tuesday, Aug. 31, at the Casino Queen.

The Spelling Bee will start at 9 a.m. in the Sports Bar at the Visitors' Center in the Casino Queen complex. The Casino Queen will provide boarding passes, lunch and prizes for all participants.

Sam Stern, of WBQZ Radio, in Alton will be the master of ceremonies for the spelling bee and the official pronouncer of the competition words.

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• Gary Gray is the provost of the Granite City

campus of Belleville Area College and has more than 20 years experience in higher education, including positions with the Eastern Regional Educational Center of Lincoln Land Community College and Western Kentucky University.

Vasil Eftimoff is a member of the Illinois Council on Aging and a retired school administrator. He holds a master of education degree from St. Louis University and has been honored by the Gateway Leadership Forum and other community organizations.

Jo Ellen Kirkpatrick is the manager of Medicare Marketing for PremierPlus, of Mercy Health-Plus. PremierPlus is the 20th anniversary game sponsor. PremierPlus spokesperson, Anne Keefe, will serve as grand marshal.

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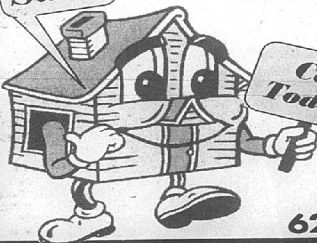
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## Chouteau Island may become park

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bringing together all of the parties that would be involved."

Ted Curtis, executive director of Trailnet Inc., said the plans are very preliminary and could take years to develop.

"We're trying to get some sort of vision going," Curtis said. "It sounds like there's some real long-term potential to develop it as both recreation and wildlife habitat."

Trailnet is renovating the recently reopened Old Chain of Rocks Bridge and is seeking funding for a 500-plus acre nature park on the island.

There appears to be a great deal of momentum forming to create park and recreation space in the St. Louis region that could aid the project. Some of those factors include:

The recent signing of "mirror" legislation in Missouri and Illinois to allow the creation of regional park districts. Govs. Mel Carnahan, D-Missouri, and George Ryan, R-Illinois, recently signed those bills on the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge.

The legislation allows a referendum to create the districts and impose a half-cent sales tax to fund new and existing park projects. The referendum, which must be approved in each individual county, are expected to be voted on in the November 2000 elections.

Plans to begin the second phase of renovations on the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge. The second phase - about \$2 million - includes amenities designed to make it more of a

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Trailnet, Inc., Executive Director

destination.

The bridge is expected to be the centerpiece of the Confluence Greenway, a system of integrated bicycle and pedestrian trails stretching from Alton to St. Louis, with branches going north to Pere Marquette State Park in Grafton, the Katy Trail in Missouri and connecting to other local trails.

Increased emphasis on the construction of bicycle trails. That includes the Confluence Trail from Alton to Granite City, the Schoolhouse Trail from Madison to Troy and Edwardsville, completion of the Riverfront Trail from the Arch to the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge, and plans to place a trail through the Columbia Bottoms area that will allow it to connect to the Clark Bridge in Alton and eventually to the Katy Trail.

The expected closing of the Chain of Rocks Landfill. Hamm said he has been told that the landfill, which is expected to run out of room in the next few years - will not seek an expansion.

When filled and capped, it will most likely be made available for some kind of recreational use.

Landfill officials could not be reached for comment.

An increased emphasis by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on recreational use and greenspace.

Curtis said the Corps is becoming more involved in restoration projects, meaning money is available.

Development of adjacent recreational, natural and historic areas. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources is now developing the Columbia Bottoms area for recreation and wildlife habitat, and on the Illinois side, a new \$7 million interpretive center for the Lewis and Clark Historic Site is planned.

The center will be located just off Illinois 3 at the site. Construction is expected to begin next year and will be completed in time for the center to play a "vital role" in celebrations marking the 200th anniversary of the start of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

A combination of state and federal funding will support the design, construction and operation of the center. A state-employed administrative staff will ultimately operate the center.

Taken together, all those projects could create a huge recreational area on both sides of the Mississippi River north of Chouteau Island.

## Authority moves to develop base

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at the base.

"The question is will they and how will the planning accommodate them," he said. One approach would be to have federal legislation drafted that would convey the entire base to the Port Authority, but establish leases for the DoD agencies staying.

Wydra said that if the agencies would later decide to leave, the lease would simply be terminated, rather than go through the entire two-year process again.

"It would at least allow the overall property to be more efficiently sited," Wydra said.

The second major issue is equipment left on the base. "Under BRAC, equipment could have been excessed just like land and buildings," Wydra said. "But regulations are different on non-BRAC situations."

"If you can start a small business incubator in a building, and also have desks and office machines, you have a better chance of success."

**Robert Wydra**  
Tri-City Port Authority Executive Director

He said one example is the base fire station. If fire equipment was left in place, it would allow them to develop the property and attract businesses.

Wydra said when the Aviation and Troop Command closed in St. Louis, the city received a large amount of office equipment.

A similar situation at Price could "dramatically" reduce the cost of attracting business.

"If you can start a small business incubator in a building, and also have desks and office machines, you have a

better chance of success," Wydra said.

"If that equipment is just going to go somewhere and is not really needed, we could use it," Wydra continued.

"We want to pursue that aggressively. That will require the help of GSA, the Army and our political allies at the Congressional level."

Wydra also said the Port Authority is seeking grant funds for planning.

"We're having discussions with various agencies for supportive grant money," Wydra said.

## Schools get computer software upgrades

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portable and will be an added asset because of renovations taking place at the school.

At Grigsby Middle School, seven Dreamwriter C200s will be purchased.

In addition, 150 Microsoft Office Pro 2000 licenses and 250 Macintosh compatible computers will be bought to be distributed throughout the district.

One Netop software set is on the purchasing list, as well.

"Technology is ongoing and it is necessary to prepare our students for skills they will need in the future workplace."

**Bob Bischoff**  
Granite City School District Technology Coordinator

In other matters, the board will give public notice on Aug. 24 for the 1999-2000 school year budget hearing, as required by state law.

The district is also consid-

ering hiring an interpreter for the hearing-impaired because of a student who may attend Granite City High School when classes begin for the 1999-2000 school year this fall.

## Ryan: New economic credit law will "level playing field" for Illinois

Economic Credit for a Growing Economy Tax Credit Act gives businesses same breaks other states

**By Scott Cousins**  
Staff writer

A new bill signed Wednesday by Gov. George Ryan is expected to help "level the playing field" in attracting new businesses and jobs.

The Economic Development for a Growing Economy Tax Credit Act will

offer tax credits based on employee payroll to new businesses locating in Illinois.

Called the EDGE program, it would be administered by the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs. It will provide tax credits to businesses that create a minimum number of jobs and invest in businesses in the state.

"We need to be sure our economy continues to grow at a healthy pace," said Rep.

Tom Holbrook, D-Belleville, one of the sponsors of the bill. "This will not provide companies with blank checks, they will be held accountable."

Rep. Steve Davis, D-Bethalto, said the legislation should have a "direct impact" on the Metro East area.

"We need to do whatever we can to attract new business to the region," he said. "With the approval of this legislation, Illinois will no longer lose out

on businesses who are lured to Missouri and other border states because of their tax incentives."

James Pennnekamp, executive director of Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois, said the bill very important for the Metro East region and has been one of the major legislative focuses of both the Leadership Council and the Regional Commerce and Growth Association.

Pennnekamp said the minimum qualifications under the program are that a business have 25 employees and a \$5 million investment, but other details were not available yet.

Pennnekamp said that "virtually every state" bordering Illinois has some kind of tax incentive program.

The best example of a business lost to another state was a major soybean processing plant that the Tri-City Regional Port Authority had attempted to lure to the area.

The company decided to locate the plant in Indiana and told local officials it was because that state offered an incentive plan similar to the one to be signed by Ryan.

"The bottom line on that decision was that Indiana had an EDGE program," Pennnekamp said.

"When it comes down to two sites of equal advantage, the company is going to go with the site that offers the greatest incentive."

Ralph Korte, chairman of the RCGA Illinois Public Affairs Committee, also praised the bill.

Gov. Ryan's leadership, along with the continued strong support of the region's senators and representatives, has leveled the playing field between the states in the competition for future attraction and expansion of industry," Korte said.

## Hollywood Heights students explore local library's wonders

**By Jennifer Saxton**  
Staff writer

This summer, some Hollywood Heights Elementary students explored new worlds and surfed the Internet at the Caseyville Public Library with a little help from the state.

Carol Perry, a second-grade teacher at Hollywood Heights, was excited about receiving nearly \$4,500 as part of the Penny Sevens Literacy Project. This is a state-funded summer literacy project that awards money to area schools and libraries to be spent by Aug. 31.

Out of 150 applicants for the grant from both libraries and schools in the state, only 67 grants were awarded. Hollywood Heights Elementary School received \$4,447.

With the funds, family library memberships were bought for over 17 families and three fieldtrips were planned for all family members.

"A majority of the children at the school don't live in the boundaries of Caseyville in order to get a membership, so we decided to buy them for families interested," Perry said.

"We had at least one or two students from every grade level attend some part of the program," Perry said. "On the most recent Tuesday, five students came who hadn't attended all summer."

Every Tuesday, students and some parents went to the library where they were free to explore. On some weather

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**Carol Perry**  
second-grade teacher

friendly days, they walked to Caseyville Park for lunch and a group activity.

Besides library visits, Perry opened the school's computer laboratory for the families.

The money also went towards having a little fun, too. There were two fieldtrips taken, with one more planned for Aug. 20.

These were available for students, preschool through sixth grade, and parents had to attend with their children. They went to the St. Louis Zoo, Grant's Farm and will soon be going to Cahokia Mounds.

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# Big catch makes trip worthwhile

Local man catches 42-pound catfish

By Alene Hill  
Correspondent

John Shalenko, of Maryville, had been bass fishing seven hours Saturday at Coffeen Lake in Illinois without so much as a nibble.

"We were even using electronic fish locator," said Shalenko who was fishing with his longtime fishing buddy Curt Johnice, a Collinsville resident.

"But we still couldn't find a fish."

That's when Shalenko heard lightning off in the distance and his first thought was "the Good Lord has his own electronic locator and maybe we'll get a fish."

Not two minutes later, Shalenko said, his line snagged what he thought might be a log.

"Curt told me to hurry up and reel that log in so we could start catching some fish," Shalenko said. "But the log was moving."

Instead of a log, Shalenko discovered he had the largest fish of his 25 years of fishing experience on the line.

"He came to the top three or four times and burrowed straight down," he said.

"And after a 15-minute struggle, Curt was able to reach out with a net and get about two-thirds of the fish head-first. As soon as the fish hit the floor of the boat, the lure fell out and one hook on the lure was straightened out."

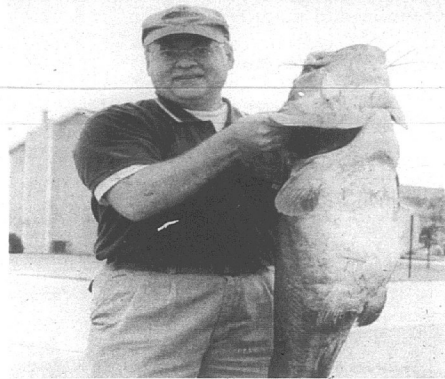
The catch of the day was a 42-pound, 43-inch long flat-head catfish. Shalenko said that with the measurements of the fish, he will probably have a plastic replica made to commemorate his catch.

"I'm actually thinking of endorsing Trilene (fishing) line," he said.

"This is a ten-pound test line and I caught a 42-pound fish with it."

Although his prize catch was not what he set out to get, Shalenko, who works at the John Sakaich Co. in Granite City, plans on sharing his bounty with several friends.

"It isn't the coveted bass," he said. "But it will probably make two-dozen people happy at a fish fry this fall."



John Shalenko shows off the 42-pound catfish he caught at Coffeen Lake.

## Dance group wins big at competition in Florida

By Christopher England  
Staff writer

Last month, dancers from Becky Kern's Dance studio danced their way back home from a Panama City, Fla. competition with numerous awards as their dance partners.

The Fun, Song and Dance Revue represented Becky Kern's Dance Studio when they competed at the Winners Talent Showcase National competition in Panama City, Fla.

The revue consisted of 64 dancers who performed in 36 different numbers. The competition consisted of 31 other dance studios from all over the United States.

"They were up against very talented people of all ages, but our men, women, boys and girls really competed with their best stuff," said Sue Kern, an instructor for Becky Kern's Studio.

The revue received 34 first

place ribbons and trophies, and was placed in the high point category eight times.

One team member, Joe Grandy, received the Most Entertaining Solo, Duet or Trio award after a performance called "Business of Love." This means that he took first place over all of the United States competitors as a soloist.

"I think we saw some of the best competitions at this showcase, we are usually disappointed with competitors, but this year, this showcase was fun and well organized," said Kern.

"The thing people are most surprised with when they visit our studios, is the family atmosphere we encourage here," said Kern.

Several of the dancers received scholarships to the Energy Source Dance Camp, which was held last week in Nashville. This camp is put on every year nationally.

## 2 arrested in alleged robbery at mall

15-year-old from Maryville was accosted on parking lot

By Becky Garrison  
Staff writer

Fairview Heights police have arrested two men who were accused of robbing a Maryville teen at St. Clair Square last week.

Warrants were issued by the St. Clair County States Attorney's office, charging Eric J. Wood, 19, of Collinsville, and Samuel M. Taylor, 17, of Caseyville with robbery.

Police said the victim, a 15-year-old from Maryville, was walking with some friends in

the west mall parking lot when a passenger in a Ford Bronco called to him. When he got close to the Bronco, the passenger reportedly grabbed the two gold chains he was wearing around his neck. The boy was able to keep the chains, but the passenger grabbed two pendants that were on the chains and the Bronco drove off.

The boy was not injured in the robbery, which occurred just after 11 a.m. Thursday.

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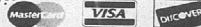
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## Countdown to kickoff.....



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East St. Louis' Kevin Anderson (left) and Althoff's Clyde Howard (above) will be two of the Metro East's players to watch this fall. See Page 4B for more prep football coverage.

### 12 PLAYERS TO WATCH

**Kevin Anderson, East St. Louis**  
6-1 safety/flanker runs 40 in 4.4 seconds

**Joe Bevis, Edwardsville**  
6-1, 210 LB/RB has 2,100 career rushing yards

**Mike Bujnak, Belleville East**  
6-5, 250 senior also plays basketball, track

**Travis Evans, Edwardsville**  
5-11, 180 senior rushed for 1,056 yards last year

**Pat Foley, Althoff**  
6-6, 255 lineman also excels in classroom

**Loren Green, Cahokia**  
6-2, 180 senior plays safety and tight end

**Clyde Howard, Althoff**  
Senior rushed for more than 1,200 yards last year

**Nathan Hustede, O'Fallon**  
6-4, 285 senior impressive in the weightroom

**Mike Larson, Mascoutah**  
6-3, 210 senior can play anywhere on the field

**Nick Tarporoff, Edwardsville**  
6-3, 245 lineman has big numbers in weightroom

**Ivan Taylor, Cahokia**  
Returns to Metro East after a year in Mississippi

**Cory Wilson, Collinsville**  
6-3, 240 LB was in on 122 tackles last year

### 9 GAMES TO SEE

Sept. 3 - Belleville West at Althoff, 7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 17 - Belleville East at Belleville West, 7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 17 - Collinsville at Granite City, 7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 24 - East St. Louis at Edwardsville, 7:30 p.m.  
Sept. 24 - Highland at Triad, 7 p.m.  
Oct. 8 - East St. Louis at Belleville East, 7:30 p.m.  
Oct. 15 - Edwardsville at Belleville East, 7:30 p.m.  
Oct. 22 - Edwardsville at Collinsville, 7:30 p.m.  
Oct. 22 - O'Fallon at Cahokia, 7:30 p.m.

### 4 NEW FACES ON THE SIDELINE

**Dennis Sney, Belleville West**  
High hopes after Maroons' 0-9 season last year

**Steve Sargosketter, Freeburg**  
Blue Rage wants to maintain tradition of reaching playoffs

**Chris Lindsay, Mascoutah**  
Indians wrestling coach seeks turnaround of 1-8 season

**Tom Vogt, Waterloo**  
Promoted after 10 years as defensive coordinator

### 1 TEAM TO BEAT

**Edwardsville** - With Bevis and Evans returning in the backfield, defending Southwestern Conference champions will be rushing toward top of the Metro East pack again.

## Paddlers made splash in '99

Several swimmers contributed to showing

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

The Paddlers Swim Club made waves on behalf of Granite City this summer.

In the Southwestern Illinois Swimming Association All-Club Swim Meet at the Paddlers pool on Aug. 7, the host club took second place behind reigning champion Summers-Port, of Godfrey.

"I was really proud of the kids," Paddlers coach Celeste Furmanek said. "My big philosophy in coaching is that I have seen what works with kids from 4 to 10 years old, and I have to keep a perspective on what works for that entire age span. We never want to concentrate on beating teams from Edwardsville, or Collinsville, or Alton. We want to work as a team to get our times better. These kids have tremendous team pride. They enjoy being together as a team and winning together as a team."

The key is that they come to practice every day. It's only seven weeks and it

goes by so fast. They understand that they have to make that commitment. They come at 8:30 in the morning and jump in cold water. To motivate them is a challenge to me, but they come back every summer stronger and faster and better athletes."

In the all-club meet, for each age group, seven points were awarded for first place, five for second, and three for third. High-point awards were given for first, second and third place in each group. The Paddlers had several swimmers win individual awards.

Harrison Green took third in the 8-and-under boys. Carey Burton finished in first in 9-10 girls. Cassie Koelker took second in 11-12 girls and Kaise Hartwick grabbed first in 8-and-under girls. "That was a huge surprise to me, and I think she was surprised too," Furmanek said of Hartwick. "We thought she would get second, but Kaise came out and got first in three races. She did really well."

Brant McFarland was the high points winner in 11-12

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## Mathenia takes helm for Belleville West

Granite City High graduate will coach Maroons boys

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

The Belleville West boys soccer program will get a little flavor of Granite City soccer this fall.

**BOYS SOCCER**  
Jason Mathenia, who played for Granite City from 1987 to '91, recently was named the new head coach of the Belleville West boys soccer team.

"I want to congratulate him," veteran Granite City coach Gene Baker said. "I wish him the best of luck in

the conference. Belleville West is getting an experienced soccer person. I'm very happy for him."

Mathenia played for Baker at Granite City before moving on to Lewis & Clark Community College and then McKendree College.

"Playing for Coach Baker, there is so much a person can learn from him on and off the field," Mathenia said. "His coaching techniques and especially his discipline. He is a very disciplined coach, he always was with

See MATHENIA, Page 3B

## South stars capture Mon-Clair battle

Buds' Grant drives in two for winners

By Karen Vartanian  
Staff writer

Barry Grant made a memorable debut as a Mon-Clair League all-star Wednesday.

Grant, who plays for the Waterloo Buds, went 2 for 5 — including a home run — with two RBI and three runs scored.

His effort helped the Monroe South Division all-stars topple their St. Clair North Division counterparts 10-3 at Longacre Park in Fairview Heights.

The Monroe South Division now owns a 23-11 advantage in the all-star game series.

"It was nice for me," said Grant, who was the designated hitter Wednesday and was named the game MVP. "It was an honor for me to be nominated. I'm just glad I

came in here and did the Buds proud."

Along with Grant's performance, Jim Anderson (Waterloo), Chris Rickard (Millstadt), Bob Walter (Millstadt), Mason Horne (Valmeyer), Dan Albers (Millstadt) and Mike McCarthy (Valmeyer) each added one RBI.

Waterloo's Neil Fiala, the MVP in the Mon-Clair stars' win against the Metro Collegians earlier this year, drove home two runs.

"You only play for fun," Monroe South Division manager George Vineyard of Millstadt said. "But it's more fun when you win. It's outstanding. I had a great group of talent."

The Monroe South Division, which consists of Waterloo, Valmeyer, Millstadt and



Fairview Heights pitcher Steve Guisgond delivers to home plate during the Mon-Clair Baseball League all-star game Wednesday.

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## Youthful experience paid off for Toenjes

Mon-Clair Hall inductee was County League all-star at age 15

Sometimes, old-timers can make you feel like they get better with age.

I felt that way recently when talking with Mike Toenjes, one of six men to be inducted into the Mon-Clair Baseball League Hall of Fame on Sept. 5 at the Prairie Golf Course in Cahokia.

"I had played the year before but was hitting about .400 the summer of my sophomore year in high school when the all-star team was selected," said Toenjes, who attended Belleville Cathedral at the time before graduating from

County League all-star catcher.

"At the time, I was told I was the youngest player ever named to a league all-star team," Toenjes said.

Toenjes actually was named to the all-star team of what was then the Monroe County League, which later merged with the Mon-Clair League, but a search of records of both leagues has revealed no player younger on an all-star roster.

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## Sports

## Metro East's dandy dozen

## Kevin Anderson, East St. Louis

The 6-foot-1 free safety, flanker and return specialist can sprint the 40-yard dash in 4.4 seconds.

Anderson returned 23 punts last year for 808 yards, or 35.13 yards per return. He covered 188 yards on five kickoff returns.

"I'm expecting him to lead our team this year," East St. Louis coach Terry Hill said. "He'll be one of our captains. He's a good kid. He's the kind of kid who has to play both ways for us because he can do so much."

## Joe Bevis, Edwardsville

The senior was an outstanding two-way player during the Tigers' march to the Southwestern Conference championship last season.

Bevis (6-1, 210 pounds) carried the ball 118 times for 843 yards and finished second on the team in rushing behind Travis Evans. In two varsity seasons, Bevis has rushed for more than 2,100 yards.

And he may have been better on defense as a linebacker. He recorded 25 tackles and 45 assists to go along with one sack.

This past summer, Bevis set a record in the Edwardsville football program's 1,000-pound club by posting marks of 555 pounds in the squat lift, 350 pounds in the bench press and 340 pounds in the powerclean.

Joe is a main key part of our offense, not only as a running back but as blocker in our scheme that we've altered in the last few years," Edwardsville coach Tim Dougherty said. "On defense, he is invaluable. He's a kid that is around the ball every snap. I think he's got tremendous vision, great feet and just a knack to get the ballcarrier all over the field. He has made some key plays for us on defense last year."

## Mike Bujnak, Belleville East

The 6-5, 250-plus offensive tackle has proven his agility as a member of the Lancers basketball team and as a weights specialist on the track team.

To prepare for the 1999 football season, he attended football camps at Missouri, Illinois and Michigan State.

"With his big long arms, he's a kid that can handle the position," East coach Mike McGinnis said. "With his running ability and foot work, he could be a good defensive end. He's very athletic and a quiet kid. He has a great work ethic, makes good grades and has a good character. He has the physical potential to play at the (NCAA) Division I level. He'll definitely be a big cog in our offense."

## Travis Evans, Edwardsville

Last year, as a junior, he carried the ball 123 times for 1,056 yards (8.59 yards per carry).

The 5-11, 180-pound Evans runs the 40 in 4.5 seconds.

"He's got great vision," Dougherty said. "His strength has gotten better each year. He is a very strong runner inside and he gives us versatility being able to go outside with his speed. We plan to use him on defense as well this year."

## Pat Foley, Althoff

The 6-6, 255-pound tackle also is an excellent student. He is ranked 18th in his class and scored a 29 on the ACT.

"He's the total package — height, weight and GPA," Althoff coach Glenn Schott said. "He runs very well for a big kid. This is his third year as a starter and he's got a lot of things going for him, plus he's a great kid."

"He'll definitely play on offense, but we might use him at defensive tackle or even defensive end. He's a left-hander, so we put him on the left side of the line."

## Loron Green, Cahokia

The 120-pound, 6-2 senior will play free safety and tight end for the Comanches.

Coach Rob Eden said Green has good speed and great hands.

"He'll get plenty of playing time because we are short at tight end," Eden said. "I expect him to have a great year for us."

"He's very talented and has drawn a lot of attention. He'll end up playing somewhere."

## Clyde Howard, Althoff

A 5-9½, 200-pound senior, Howard was one of the area's top running backs in 1998. He had 200 carries for more than 1,200 yards.

"He had 800 yards rushing as a sophomore and 1,200 as a junior, so we expect him to continue that progression," Schott said. "He may even have a shot at our career rushing record (held by Hickey Thompson)."

"He runs with a little power, but he also has some moves. He can get in the open field."

## Nathan Hustedde, O'Fallon

The 6-4, 235-pound offensive and defensive lineman has attended summer football camps at Illinois and Northwestern.

He has put together great numbers in the weightroom: 435 pounds in the bench press, 725 in the squat and 635 in the dead lift.

"I've got to credit Nathan for getting himself there," O'Fallon coach Gary Bridell said. "He's worked hard. He did well in track. We hope for big things from him."

## Mike Larson, Mascoutah

Larson is a 3.0-plus student, who scored better than a 20 on his ACT.

At 6-3, 210, Indians first-year coach Chris Lindsay knows he can plug Larson in anywhere on help the field.

Last fall, he played free safety but he has grown more than an inch and added 30 pounds since last year.

"His squat went up about 150 pounds. He's put time in the weightroom, which should help him quite a bit," Lindsay said. "He could play free safety, quarterback, middle linebacker. He moves well laterally, jumps well and can do just about anything."

## Nick Tarpoif, Edwardsville

The 6-3, 245-pound Tarpoif will play guard and defensive tackle this fall for the Tigers. He qualified for the team's 1,000-pound club this summer by posting a squat of 500 pounds, a bench press of 280 pounds and a power clean of 315 pounds.

"Nick has got great strength and tremendous quickness for a kid his size," Dougherty said. "He's been recruiting as a defensive lineman because of his agility and quickness. I think he is an exceptional offensive lineman as well."

## Ivan Taylor, Cahokia

He returns to Cahokia for his senior campaign after a year in Starkville, Miss.

Taylor was 6-3, 270 pounds as a sophomore.

"He was a man among boys then," Eden said. "I only expect for him to get better."

Eden said Taylor should capture the attention of some Division I schools.

"A lot of colleges here haven't seen what he can do yet," Eden said. "He has excellent speed and is a good blocker."

## Cory Wilson, Collinsville

A 6-3, 240-pound linebacker, Wilson recorded 67 tackles and assisted on 58 others while leading the Hawks to an IHSA Class 5A playoff berth and runner-up honors in the Southwestern Conference.

He runs the 40 in 4.85.

"He is a kid that is a natural football player," Collinsville coach Tim Kane said. "He understands how to make plays. With his size and strength... He had a great off-season. He'll be better getting off blocks and filling the holes this year. He went through vigorous training to make himself faster and quicker."

## Prep football schedules

## SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE

Alton		Head Coach: Joe Hook		1998 Record: 1-6 (Class 6A)		Football Enrollment: 2150.00	
8/28	2:00 H	Chicago Hubbard	9/27	7:30 A	Chicago Hubbard	9/27	7:30 A
9/3	7:30 A	Quincy	9/27	7:30 A	Quincy	9/27	7:30 A
9/10	7:30 A	East St. Louis	9/27	7:30 A	East St. Louis	9/27	7:30 A
9/17	7:30 A	Edwardsville	9/27	7:30 A	Edwardsville	9/27	7:30 A
9/24	7:30 A	Belleville West	9/27	7:30 A	Belleville West	9/27	7:30 A
10/1	7:30 A	St. Louis	9/27	7:30 A	St. Louis	9/27	7:30 A
10/8	7:30 A	Collinsville	9/27	7:30 A	Collinsville	9/27	7:30 A
10/15	7:30 A	Belleville East	9/27	7:30 A	Belleville East	9/27	7:30 A
10/22	7:30 A	Alton	9/27	7:30 A	Alton	9/27	7:30 A

Belleville East		Head Coach: Mike McGinnis		1998 Record: 6-4 (Class 6A)		Football Enrollment: 2345.00	
8/26	6:30 H	Moline	9/27	7:30 A	Moline	9/27	7:30 A
9/3	7:30 A	Chicago	9/27	7:30 A	Chicago	9/27	7:30 A
9/10	7:30 A	Creve Coeur (Mo.)	9/27	7:30 A	Creve Coeur (Mo.)	9/27	7:30 A
9/17	7:30 A	Belleville West	9/27	7:30 A	Belleville West	9/27	7:30 A
9/24	7:30 A	Collinsville	9/27	7:30 A	Collinsville	9/27	7:30 A
10/1	7:30 A	Granite City	9/27	7:30 A	Granite City	9/27	7:30 A
10/8	7:30 A	East St. Louis	9/27	7:30 A	East St. Louis	9/27	7:30 A
10/15	7:30 A	Edwardsville	9/27	7:30 A	Edwardsville	9/27	7:30 A
10/22	7:30 A	Alton	9/27	7:30 A	Alton	9/27	7:30 A

Belleville West		Head Coach: Dennis Snider		1998 Record: 0-9 (Class 6A)		Football Enrollment: 2109.00	
8/27	7:30 A	O'Fallon	9/27	7:30 A	O'Fallon	9/27	7:30 A
9/3	7:30 A	Belleville Althoff	9/27	7:30 A	Belleville Althoff	9/27	7:30 A
9/10	7:30 A	Collinsville	9/27	7:30 A	Collinsville	9/27	7:30 A
9/17	7:30 A	Belleville East	9/27	7:30 A	Belleville East	9/27	7:30 A
9/24	7:30 A	Alton	9/27	7:30 A	Alton	9/27	7:30 A
10/1	7:30 A	Edwardsville	9/27	7:30 A	Edwardsville	9/27	7:30 A
10/8	7:30 A	Granite City	9/27	7:30 A	Granite City	9/27	7:30 A
10/15	7:30 A	East St. Louis	9/27	7:30 A	East St. Louis	9/27	7:30 A
10/22	7:30 A	Triad	9/27	7:30 A	Triad	9/27	7:30 A

Collinsville		Head Coach: Tim Kane		1998 Record: 8-2 (Class 5A)		Football Enrollment: 1846.14	
8/27	7:30 A	Bethalto Civic Memorial	9/27	7:30 A	Bethalto Civic Memorial	9/27	7:30 A
9/3	7:30 A	Mascoutah	9/27	7:30 A	Mascoutah	9/27	7:30 A
9/10	7:30 A	Belleville West	9/27	7:30 A	Belleville West	9/27	7:30 A
9/17	7:30 A	Granite City	9/27	7:30 A	Granite City	9/27	7:30 A
9/24	7:30 A	Belleville East	9/27	7:30 A	Belleville East	9/27	7:30 A
10/1	7:30 A	Alton	9/27	7:30 A	Alton	9/27	7:30 A
10/8	7:30 A	Edwardsville	9/27	7:30 A	Edwardsville	9/27	7:30 A
10/15	7:30 A	Collinsville	9/27	7:30 A	Collinsville	9/27	7:30 A
10/22	7:30 A	Edwardsville	9/27	7:30 A	Edwardsville	9/27	7:30 A

East St. Louis		Head Coach: Terry Hill		1998 Record: 7-4 (Class 5A)		Football Enrollment: 2026.00	
8/28	1:30 H	Chicago Simeon	9/27	7:30 A	Chicago Simeon	9/27	7:30 A
9/3	7:30 A	St. Louis Sumner	9/27	7:30 A	St. Louis Sumner	9/27	7:30 A
9/10	7:30 A	Alton	9/27	7:30 A	Alton	9/27	7:30 A
9/17	7:30 A	Edwardsville	9/27	7:30 A	Edwardsville	9/27	7:30 A
9/24	7:30 A	Collinsville	9/27	7:30 A	Collinsville	9/27	7:30 A
10/1	7:30 A	Belleville East	9/27	7:30 A	Belleville East	9/27	7:30 A
10/8	7:30 A	Belleville West	9/27	7:30 A	Belleville West	9/27	7:30 A
10/15	7:30 A	Granite City	9/27	7:30 A	Granite City	9/27	7:30 A
10/22	7:30 A	Alton	9/27	7:30 A	Alton	9/27	7:30 A

Edwardsville		Head Coach: Tim Dougherty		1998 Record: 9-1 (Class 6A)		Football Enrollment: 2026.00	
8/28	1:00 H	Chicago Gage Park	9/27	7:30 A	Chicago Gage Park	9/27	7:30 A
9/3	7:30 A	St. Louis Naval Jr. ROTC	9/27	7:30 A	St. Louis Naval Jr. ROTC	9/27	7:30 A
9/10	7:30 A	Granite City	9/27	7:30 A	Granite City	9/27	7:30 A
9/17	7:30 A	Alton	9/27	7:30 A	Alton	9/27	7:30 A
9/24	7:30 A	Belleville East	9/27	7:30 A	Belleville East	9/27	7:30 A
10/1	7:30 A	Belleville West	9/27	7:30 A	Belleville West	9/27	7:30 A
10/8	7:30 A	Springfield (Mo.)	9/27	7:30 A	Springfield (Mo.)	9/27	7:30 A
10/15	7:30 A	Belleville East	9/27	7:30 A	Belleville East	9/27	7:30 A
10/22	7:30 A	Collinsville	9/27	7:30 A	Collinsville	9/27	7:30 A

Granite City		Head Coach: Nick Petrillo		1998 Record: 3-6 (Class 5A)		Football Enrollment: 2411.00	
8/27	7:30 A	Cahokia	9/27	7:30 A	Cahokia	9/27	7:30 A
9/3	7:30 A	Jerseyville	9/27	7:30 A	Jerseyville	9/27	7:30 A
9/10	7:30 A	Edwardsville	9/27	7:30 A	Edwardsville	9/27	7:30 A
9/17	7:30 A	Collinsville	9/27	7:30 A	Collinsville	9/27	7:30 A
9/24	7:30 A	Belleville Althoff	9/27	7:30 A	Belleville Althoff	9/27	7:30 A
10/1	7:30 A	Belleville East	9/27	7:30 A	Belleville East	9/27	7:30 A
10/8	7:30 A	Belleville West	9/27	7:30 A	Belleville West	9/27	7:30 A
10/15	7:30 A	Alton	9/27	7:30 A	Alton	9/27	7:30 A
10/22	7:30 A	East St. Louis	9/27	7:30 A	East St. Louis	9/27	7:30 A

CAHOKIA CONFERENCE		Head Coach: Jim Fazio		1998 Record: 4-5 (Class 3A)		Football Enrollment: 540.00	
8/27	7:30 A	Greenview	9/27	7:30 A	Greenview	9/27	7:30 A
9/3	7:30 A	Freeburg	9/27	7:30 A	Freeburg	9/27	7:30 A
9/10	7:30 A	Dupo	9/27	7:30 A	Dupo	9/27	7:30 A
9/17	7:30 A	Breese (Mater Dei)	9/27	7:30 A	Breese (Mater Dei)	9/27	7:30 A
9/24	7:30 A	Columbia	9/27	7:30 A	Columbia	9/27	7:30 A
10/1	7:30 A	Red Bud	9/27	7:30 A	Red Bud	9/27	7:30 A
10/8	7:30 A	Carlyle	9/27	7:30 A	Carlyle	9/27	7:30 A
10/15	7:30 A	Rochester	9/27	7:30 A	Rochester	9/27	7:30 A
10/22	7:30 A	Pinckneyville	9/27	7:30 A	Pinckneyville	9/27	7:30 A

Carlyle		Head Coach: Chris Lindsay		1998 Record: 1-6 (Class 4A)		Football Enrollment: 935.00	
8/27	7:30 A	Chicago Orr	9/27	7:30 A	Chicago Orr	9/27	7:30 A
9/3	7:30 A	Mount Zion	9/27	7:30 A	Mount Zion	9/27	7:30 A
9/10	7:30 A	Centralia	9/27	7:30 A	Centralia	9/27	7:30 A
9/17	7:30 A	Bethalto Civic Memorial	9/27	7:30 A	Bethalto Civic Memorial	9/27	7:30 A
9/24	7:30 A	Jerseyville	9/27	7:30 A	Jerseyville	9/27	7:30 A
10/1	7:30 A	Waterloo	9/27	7:30 A	Waterloo	9/27	7:30 A
10/8	7:30 A	Highland	9/27	7:30 A	Highland	9/27	7:30 A
10/15	7:30 A	Paris	9/27	7:30 A	Paris	9/27	7:30 A
10/22	7:30 A	Paris	9/27	7:30 A	Paris	9/27	7:30 A

Jerseyville		Head Coach: Bill Braden		1998 Record: 6-2 (Class 4A)		Football Enrollment: 1083.57	
8/27	7:30 A	Jacksonville	9/27	7:30 A	Jacksonville	9/27	7:30 A
9/3	7:30 A	Granite City	9/27	7:30 A	Granite City	9/27	7:30 A
9/10	7:30 A	Mount Vernon	9/27	7:30 A	Mount Vernon	9/27	7:30 A
9/17	7:30 A	Waterloo	9/27	7:30 A	Waterloo	9/27	7:30 A
9/24	7:30 A	Mascoutah	9/27	7:30 A	Mascoutah	9/27	7:30 A
10/1	7:30 A	Highland	9/27	7:30 A	Highland	9/27	7:30 A
10/8	7:30 A	Bethalto Civic Memorial	9/27	7:30 A	Bethalto Civic Memorial	9/27	7:30 A
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# Petrillo preparing gridders for upcoming season

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

Despite oppressive heat and humidity, there are indications that the summer is drawing to a close.

It is there in the metallic sounds of blocking tackles being smashed. It is there in the grunts and sweat falling, the red helmets jerking and bobbing across the Granite City practice field. Football is back. The 1999 fall scholastic sports season officially kicked off Wednesday with the first day of Warriors football practice.

"Right now we are just emphasizing getting ourselves and our bodies in shape and mentally ready and going over the basics, the fundamentals of the game," Granite City head coach Nick Petrillo said. "Pretty much conditioning and the basics are what you can work on when you have nothing but a helmet on."

Both offense and defense will get a run-through in these initial days of practice. "We are working on our stance, our alignment, our responsibilities, the fundamental plays and fronts on offense and defense that we will run," Petrillo said. "We'll introduce

a little bit of our stunting game and a little of our passing game, but until we get in the pads, and you can't go full bore, you can't really get into the finer points of it. But you have to cover the bases and cover the fundamentals and get those things in these three days."

The force began in earnest on Saturday, with the Warriors donning their plastic suits of armor. "Saturday is the first legal day that we can start in full pads according to the state," Petrillo said. "We'll do a little bit of a hitting session. We'll go over our form tackling and teach the kids how to properly tackle with their bodies and the position they need to

be in, the direction to take for the hit. We'll cover that."

"We'll have a short hitting session that will be real light, and then we'll finish off with a pretty good hitting session that will be very controlled in terms of what we're doing. Obviously, you don't want to get anybody hurt right at the beginning, but you have to start getting the body in the pads a little used to that contact."

"Saturday is just to kind of get the body prepared for what is coming up Monday." The coaching staff hopes the Warriors will be ready to start smacking each other Monday.

"Unfortunately, with the state only giving us 14 days to prepare for this game of football, you are kind of limited," Petrillo said. "I really think you need a little more time for football, especially with high-school kids, to get their bodies and minds acclimated and ready to hit with full pads. But that's the way it is, and everybody in the state has to abide by it, so I guess that's what we do."

Granite City's first game is Aug. 27 at Cahokia. The Warriors were 3-6 last year, 2-3 in the Southwestern Conference.

## Paddlers made big splash in 1999

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boys with three first-place finishes, but the real surprise in that group was Jonathan Dombek, who finished in third.

"That was a huge accomplishment for him," Furmanek said. "He doesn't swim during the winter. Most of the kids who took first in the different groups

swim in the winter, so I was really pleased with Jonathan."

Matt Dittman grabbed first-place in 15-18 boys at the tender age of 15. "He was in a real tough age group," said Furmanek. "He's only 15, and he tied with a boy from Alton who is 18. So he was swimming mostly against older kids. For him to do that well is

quite an accomplishment."

The Paddlers' day would not have been as successful without the Schooley family. Ryan took second in 8- and under boys while his older brothers Matt (9-10) and Justin (13-14) took high point honors with three first-place finishes each.

"Those three guys, those brothers, are just amazing," Furmanek said. "As a coach, it is your dream that you will have kids who do what you tell them to, and those three far surpass that dream. They are true tremendous athletes, they have a great attitude — everything is there."

For the Paddlers, this year's second-place team success can be seen as a springboard to better things for the future.

"I was just pleased with how many we had in the high points, especially with the younger kids," Furmanek said. "I know that at least four more kids got fourth place, so that's also encouraging. A lot of the kids are at the top of their age groups, so they will be moving up to a tougher group next summer."

## Mathenia takes helm at Belleville West

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me and the rest of the players in the time I was there. You don't always realize it when you are there, but afterwards you start to realize the discipline he taught you on and off the field. I hope I can take that discipline into my program."

"Probably the biggest thing I took away from the experience was his knowledge of the game in general, his knowledge of every kind of situation that can come up in a game. He always knows what to do in every situation."

The Warriors won two Illinois state titles during Mathenia's high school career (in 1989 and '90) and those experiences aren't easily forgotten.

"There is really no feeling like winning a state championship," Mathenia said. "It's a great overall feeling to be known as the best in the state."

In 1996, Mathenia became an assistant coach at McKendree on coach Tim Strange's staff.

In 1997, McKendree added a junior varsity program and I was made head coach of that team," Mathenia said. "That gave me my start as far as

coaching goes. It was a great opportunity to coach there and it gave me the chance to become a high school head coach, which has been my goal for a while. Mathenia is set for the challenge that awaits."

"Our first and foremost goal is to have a winning season," Mathenia said. "We also want to be competitive in the Southwestern Conference. Based on last year's performance, I just told the guys that what is in the past is in the past — the good and the bad things. As a new coach, I'm open to things. We want to develop the program and better it from last year. We want to have a winning record this year, and then we'll take it from there."

### Cahokia hires

#### Brent Rueter

Brent Rueter believes he has found a perfect fit at Cahokia High School.

A former varsity assistant at Nashville, Centralia and Springfield high schools, Rueter landed his first stint as a varsity head coach Monday.

"I plan on bringing an up-tempo philosophy to the school," Rueter said. "I like a

fast-paced, pressing type of style. I think that approach will be effective with the type of athletes we have. I felt Cahokia was a good fit for me because that's the style I like to coach."

Cahokia athletic director Russ Baum believes Rueter, who also coached the sophomore team at Nashville, can help turn around a struggling program.

"I made several calls to coaches in the area about candidates because I don't know that much about basketball," Baum said. "His name kept popping up. His peers talked about how he's a hard worker, knowledgeable and very enthusiastic. He gets along well with the kids."

Rueter replaces Roscoe Dowell, who logged a 61-93 record during his six years at Cahokia. His team went 5-20 last year.

"We wanted to lose Roscoe," Baum said. "In fact, we may try to keep him on in the program."

Roscoe is a very good role model for kids," Baum said. "He's very interested in the kids, always put the kids first. The bottom line was he just wasn't winning. It's a shame that it gets to that."

Rueter thinks improving Cahokia's weak shooting will help the team immensely and outside shooting," Rueter said. "That is one of my areas of expertise, so I think that'll improve us a little bit."

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## South stars capture league battle

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Farmington (Mo.), combined balanced offense with strong pitching. Hurlers Cory Blackwell (Waterloo), Brandon Musso (Waterloo), Dave Licht (Valmeyer), Brian Unger (Waterloo) and Sean Fales (Millstadt) limited the North Division all-stars to eight hits and two earned runs.

Starting pitcher Blackwell earned the win. After Jeff Dunbar's (Fairview Heights) RBI groundout gave the North a 1-0 first-inning lead, Rickard and Anderson drove in runs in the bottom of the second frame put the South squad ahead for good.

Grant's two-run blast capped a three-run third inning and staked the South to a 5-1 lead.

Fiala's two-run safety and Horne's RBI upped the cushion to 8-1 in the sixth. Run-scoring singles from Chris Novack (Fairview Heights) and Chad Reams (Greenview) cut the Monroe lead to 8-3 in the top of the seventh.

But Albers and McCarthy answered with RBIs in the bottom of the inning.

"What beat us tonight was we gave up a couple of walks in key situations," North Division manager Wes Knight of Fairview Heights said. "And their hits came at key times. We couldn't seem to get those key hits in the clutch situations."

North Division starter Steve Guisgod (Fairview Heights) suffered the loss.

Granite City, Saugat, Fairview Heights and Greenville make up the St. Clair North Division.

## Toenjes was all-star at age 15

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Althoff.

Toenjes' career eventually spanned 21 years (1963-84). He began playing against men in the summer after his freshman year in high school.

Syl "Tuffy" Mueth, who was then manager of the Millstadt VFW team, said it

was not unusual "because town teams in those days were made up of their own players."

"We learned from the older players — guys like Bernie Gaido, Clyde Pruett and Bill Baltz," said Toenjes, who said he also learned while taking at-bats against veteran pitchers Doug Pyle, Teddy Tedesco and Jerry Poethold.

"I learned from old-timers who knew how to play the game and that made it easier when I had to catch a guy like (future major leaguer) Jim Krummel in Legion ball," Toenjes said.

Toenjes was a Mon-Clair all-star eight times, compiled a .325 career batting average and was a leader of many Millstadt championship teams.

## Grant extends MVP string for Buds

### Waterloo player wins award in all-star game debut

By Garen Vartanian  
Staff writer

The Waterloo Buds further solidified a lock on the Mon-Clair League all-star game Most Valuable Player award.

### MON-CLAIR BASEBALL

Barry Grant became the 11th Waterloo player to capture the honor Wednesday, as he helped the Monroe South Division all-stars defeat the St. Clair North Division all-stars 10-3 at Longacre Park in Fairview Heights.

Grant, who was participating in his first Mon-Clair all-star game, became the sixth Bud player to earn the award — which started in 1977 — this decade.

"It's awful special," Grant said of winning the MVP. "I came in as a reserve, and I got an opportunity to start tonight in the DH (designated hitter) spot. I was seeing the ball real good tonight. It's a lot of fun to come out here and play with guys you compete so hard against every weekend, really. I'll be honest, I got a chance to meet some guys I've never really gotten to know from playing head-to-head competition."

"So it was nice for me."

Grant, who plays the outfield for Waterloo, finished the contest 2 for 3 with a homer, a double and two RBIs.

He also scored three runs.

"He was seeing the ball," South Division manager George Vineyard of Millstadt said. "It had to look like a cantaloupe coming at him. Everything he did, he hit it hard."

After being struck by a curveball in his first plate appearance, Grant drilled a two-run circuit shot on another offspeed delivery from North Division starter Steve Guisgod in the bottom of the third inning.

Grant's blast staked the Monroe South Division all-stars to a 5-1 lead.

"The first time up, he hit me with the same pitch. It just didn't break," Grant said. "The second time up, I just kind of told myself if he throws that same curveball to me, I'm going to drive the ball. I got my arms extended and it hit the sweet part of the bat."

St. Clair North Division manager Wes Knight (Fairview Heights) credited Grant for pouncing on Guisgod's mistake.

"It was just a hanging curveball," Knight said. "And he got it. He got all of it."

Other Waterloo all-star game MVPs include Dennis Mernick (1977), Mike Wirth (1980), John Wahlig (1988) and Neil Fiala (1996).

Wahlig and Fiala won MVP honors in the all-star games that featured the Mon-Clair League against the St. Louis Metro Collegians League.

Wahlig, meanwhile, has captured a record six MVP awards.

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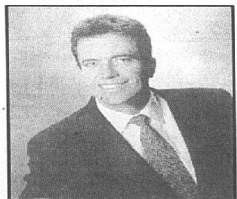
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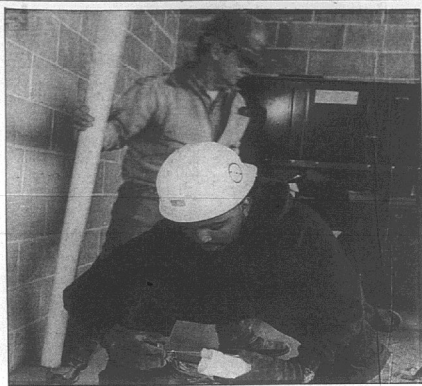
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## Preparing a Queen

Terrance Jenkins, front, of East St. Louis and Early Kleinschmidt, rear, of Granite City prepare plumbing for the new Casino Queen Hotel being constructed in East St. Louis. The Casino Queen is aiming to open the new hotel by New Year's Day 2000. It will be a full-service, 150-room hotel located near the Queen.

## Social Notes

### Young at Heart

The Young at Heart senior citizens of Holy Family Catholic Church held its monthly meeting July 19 in the church community center.

The Rev. William Fisher installed the new officers for the 1999-2000 term. They are Marilyn Schooley vice president; Cleo Schenke, recording secretary; and Goldie Rozycke, treasurer. Absent were Cleo Siebert, president, and Louise Kovar, corresponding secretary. Marilyn Schooley, friendship chair, sent a get-well card to Sister Bernadette. Connie McGee, membership chairperson, reported 48 members in attendance.

Birthdays celebrated in July were Pauline Hanson, Eric Mooshegian and Rosemary Bryer.

Attendance prizes were won by Marilyn Schooley, Helen Mooshegian, Irene Kadanec, Louise Kovar, Lorraine Parkinson and Zita Bequette.

The next monthly meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the church community center.

Knights of Columbus

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus Council 1088 elected the following officers at their June meeting:

Dolores Moseley, president; Cis Herman, vice president; Agnes Friedel, treasurer; and Cleo Schenke, secretary.

Also elected were Helen DeRuntz, guard/social hostesses; and three trustees, Helen DeRuntz, Millie Noeth and Maggie Grobowski.

President Schenke reported on the children's quilt project for the Good Samaritan Home, a housing facility for families who are temporarily displaced and homeless. Schenke said the children who receive the quilts are very happy to get them and she thanked the ladies who donated materials and their time and talent to this cause.

Catherine Ponce, chair for the 15th Craft Show, reported the show will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 6 at the KC Hall on Old Alton Road in Granite City. The handmade items to be raffled this year include a baby quilt, afghan, Christmas tree skirt and sweatshirt. A basketful of Beanie Babies will also be included in the raffie.

Ponce said she is seeking crafters and anyone interested in renting table space can contact her at 877-2586 or Schenke at 876-4661.

A baby shower theme was used for the June meeting, and the ladies very generously donated many layette items to be given to the PAC Van for distribution to new mothers.

Hostesses Cis Herman and Georgann Krakowicki served a light meal; games, in keeping with the theme for the evening, were played and prizes awarded.

The next KC Ladies Auxiliary meeting is scheduled for Tuesday.

### Ladies Coterie

The Ladies Coterie held its annual guest day and installation of officers June 20 at Ravanelli's Restaurant in Granite City.

President Helen Stumpe welcomed the members and guests and offered the blessing. The delicious luncheon was enjoyed by all.

Following the meal, president Stumpe thanked the outgoing officers and presented each with a gift. The new officers installed are:

President, Denise Wright; vice president, Barbara

Landis; treasurer, Elizabeth Briggs; secretary, Jean Pritchard.

Glady's Pape was the installing officer. She presented each new officer a pink carnation.

After the installation service, cards were enjoyed and prizes awarded.

Those attending were Lillian Delps, Esther Vasileff, Betty Ebrecht, Virginia Johnson, Marguerite Lexow, Gladys Pape, Jean Pritchard, Elsie Rodell, Betty Schmedake, Guyla Stuart, Helen Stumpe, Helen Toncoff, Denise Wright, Shirley Schwedeman, Margaret Rooney and Barbara Landis.

### Eta Alumnae

Ten members attended the regular monthly meeting of Eta Alumnae Chapter, Phi Tau Omega Sorority, July 7 at Ravanelli's Restaurant.

Marguerite Lexow and Mary Lou Tonick hosted the gathering.

Following lunch, card games occupied the afternoon, with everyone present receiving a prize. Also present was a guest, Janet Belshe.

Others attending not mentioned above were June Drew, Dorothy Johannigmeier, LaVeeda Knobbe, Ann McDowell, Elsie Rodell, Van Stuart, Lois Winter and Mary Evalyne Yench.

Hostesses for the August meeting will be Dorothy Johannigmeier and Lois Winter.

Central Christian Church

It is a tradition of the Christian Women's Fellowship of Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Granite City to invite the women and girls of the church and their guests to Ladies Night Out in May of each year.

Previously, this gathering was known as the Mother-Daughter Banquet. It is a time for fellowship, dinner and entertainment.

The men of the church, plus other men friends, serve the dinner to the ladies and girls. This year's dinner consisted of fried and baked chicken and many other dishes provided by the ladies, plus a special dessert.

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## Develop a financial plan for your future

If you've just gotten married, then you're probably still basking in the excitement of your special day. And well you should — your wedding should be an experience you'll always cherish.

After you've returned from the honeymoon and opened the wedding presents, you'll want to begin your married life together on a positive note. One of the smartest things you can do is to get a grip on your finances right from the start.

Here are a few suggestions for doing just that:

- Communicate: Discuss your approaches to handling money. One of you may be a "spender" and the other one a "saver." Develop some guidelines for resolving your differences.

- Use one checkbook instead of two: You'll find it easier to track your finances this way.
- Develop a debt-reduction strategy: Decide how many debts accumulated before your marriage, such as student loans, will be handled.
- Draw up a budget: By



Jeff Prosser

setting up a realistic budget, and sticking to it, you'll reduce the likelihood of "living beyond your means."

Consider your life insurance needs: If you need both your incomes to manage your household expenses, consider purchasing a life insurance policy. This may be more of an issue when you have children.

Manage credit wisely: Consolidate your credit cards. Try to get by on just one card — and use it only for emergencies. Credit-card debt is one of the leading sources of financial difficulty for newlyweds and even for people

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who have been married awhile.

Pay yourself first: Every time you get paid, deposit a small amount into an investment vehicle, such as a mutual fund. Not only will you be building up your financial resources, but you'll also get into the "investment habit" — which should last a lifetime.

Choose appropriate investments: At this stage of your financial life, time is most likely on your side. Consequently, you may want to put most of your money into "growth" instruments, such as stocks and stock-based mutual funds.

It's true that stocks are more volatile, on a day-to-day basis, than other investments. However, over the long term, stocks have historically

outperformed every other financial asset. By investing relatively modest amounts of money on a regular basis into growth instruments, you have the potential to eventually achieve significant capital appreciation.

Take full advantage of all your savings opportunities: If your employer offers a 401(k) or other tax-advantaged retirement plan, contribute as much as you can — and put most of your money into the "growth" funds that are offered.

As newlyweds, you have a great many things to look forward to in your lives. By developing strong budgeting, saving, and investing habits right from the beginning, you will find it much easier to achieve all those goals.

## Keim named GCC instruction provost

Barbara H. Keim of Ballwin, Mo., has been named vice provost for instruction at the Granite City Campus of Belleville Area College.

As vice provost Keim will be responsible for administering all instructional programs at the campus. "It's important that we're in tune with the needs of businesses, which ultimately employ our students," Keim said. "Our programs need to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary for a rapidly changing workplace."

Most recently, Keim was director for Executive and Professional Development of the Foster College of Business Administration at Bradley University in Peoria.

"I would like to see more area students take advantage of our excellent university transfer programs," Keim said. "Our

faculty is dedicated to providing students with a solid academic background as they prepare for transfer to four-year colleges and universities."

Keim holds a doctorate in genetics from the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, Va. She also earned a master's of business administration from Bradley University, a master's of science degree in zoology from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J., and a bachelor of arts degree in biology from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro in Greensboro, N.C.

She is a member of the American Society for Training and Development and Women in Management.

Keim and her husband, James, have two grown children, Elizabeth and Jonathan.

## New license plates get once-over from drivers

By Deborah L. Bates  
Staff writer

The new Illinois license plates may or may not add color to vehicles on the road, but they will add some color to conversations among state residents for the next month. The old plates from 1984, which are faded, dented and rusted, will be replaced beginning in 2001. The design will be chosen by residents who visit the Illinois Secretary of State's Office web-site to vote on their favorite from among eight choices.

"I think it's great. We're getting a good turnout. People are just starting to learn about it," said Julie Gaither, manager of the Illinois Secretary of State's Office in Edwardsville.

Most residents seem to be pleased with the choice of new plate designs. "I think they are really sharp-looking," said Glenn Klostermann of Troy. "We need a change."

The new plates will come with an increase in registration and title fees. The \$48 fee for registration will

increase to \$78 beginning Jan. 1. The fee for title transfer will increase from \$13 to \$65. "I don't like that," Klostermann said. "I understand they need to. I just think it's (price increase) drastic."

Ron Buch, an Illinois resident, agrees. "I'm not too thrilled with it," he said. "I think the \$48 now is absurd. But if they don't charge us here, we'll pay taxes somewhere else."

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# Horoscope

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 15**  
**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY:** You may end up participating in an involvement in the year ahead where you play only a minor role. Yet your part will be significant and what you gain could be more valuable than a title.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Take ample time today to weigh and balance both sides of any important issue that's been dumped in your lap today. Through the use of your analytical abilities, constructive conclusions can be reached.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** When taking on a job that might be a little too complicated



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ed for you to do single-handed, have some back up available just in case you need it. You

might not, but, then again, you may need it.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Let the majority rule today in all group activities in which you become involved, unless you feel it does not serve your best interests. In this case, simply excuse yourself from the event.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Tie up loose ends on anything which has been left undone and has been frustrating you. By doing so, you'll not only relieve the impediments, it'll make for a very constructive day as well.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Your mental restlessness

can be gratified if you share your time with stimulating companions who make you think. Leave the physical exercises for another day.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Begin today by planning to build for your tomorrows. By providing a sturdy foundation at this time, it could increase your chances for success on something in which you're presently interested.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** If you hope to inspire and influence others in some manner today, put on a positive face. Outward appearances tend to be a trifle more significant now than usual.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Because your hunches could reveal things your logic ignores today, your intuitive perceptions should not be ignored. They can provide you with valuable information not gleaned otherwise.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Subdue your assertiveness when dealing with friends today and try to blend your thinking with theirs. Merging your thoughts with pals can produce some imaginative ideas.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Creatively focusing on your objectives today can yield you some meaningful achievements.

ments. Try to break the mold on habitual routines and be progressive.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** The more you can widen your horizons, the greater your possibilities become for additional opportunities to open up for you. Make an effort today to expand your mind.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** If you choose to apply yourself today, this can be an excellent time for ferreting out information you're lacking on a situation that has recently aroused your curiosity.

## 'Mystery Men' worthwhile

The heart and soul of "Mystery Men," the comic-book-turned-live-action superhero spoof, is best summed up by a character who suggests using a keg of beer to lure crime-fighting recruits. The reason: There's a big mooch factor among superhero wannabes.

"Mystery Men" tells the story of all those closet caped crusaders who have watched "Superman" and "Batman" and, privately, very privately, imagined how cool it would be to have X-ray eyes and a really souped-up roadster. The seven odd scrappers of "Mystery Men" actually take their fight to the streets, acting out in goofy earnestness and goofier dress as they seek to get a little glory while sending bad guys to the hosogow. They fight evil with unlikely tools — bowling balls and shovels, fury, forks and flatulence. This gang is way south of motley.

The premise: Champion City has been virtually swept clean of crime by resident demigod

Captain Amazing, who finds himself losing commercial endorsements and fears he may put himself out of a job without a good nemesis. His 9-to-5 persona, a billionaire who brilliantly conceals his identity with a pair of eyeglasses, intercedes to spring archrival Casanova Frankenstein from the loonybin.

When Casanova captures Captain Amazing, the "Mystery Men" bumble in to save the city from the madman.

The charter "Mystery Men" are three old friends who have unsuccessfully dabbled in crime-fighting for years. There's the Shovelers (William H. Macy), who wears a mining helmet and conks opponents with a spade; the Blue Raja (Hank Azaria), who hurls cutlery; and Mr. Furious (Ben Stiller), whose strength comes from his really bad temper.

With Casanova enlisting the aid of such gangs as the Frat Boys and the Disco Boys, the "Mystery Men" beef up their



William Macy, Ben Stiller, Hank Azaria, Janeane Garofalo, Paul Reubens and Kel Mitchell in a scene from "Mystery Men."

who can vanish, but only when no one's looking; and the Sphinx (Wes Studi), a attitude-speaking enigma who cuts guns in half with his mind. The movie is given the obligatory Gotham City look —

dark and dreamlike, with most of the action taking place at night.

There's a choppyness to "Mystery Men" that might result from first-time director Kinka Usher's work on TV commercials.

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 The Blair Witch Project (R) 1:45, 5:00, 7:30, 9:30  
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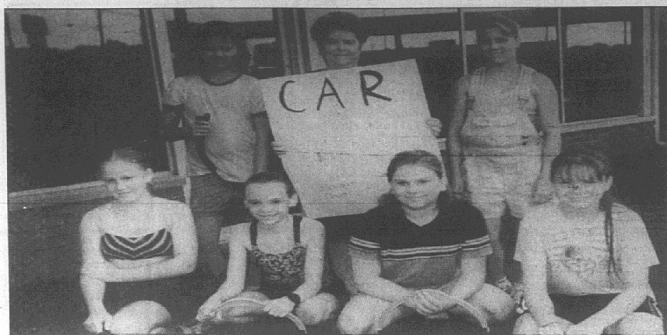
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Members of the new Do-Gooders at Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) include, front row, from left, Natasha Thompson, Caitlin O'Toole, Shelley Clark, Mallory Koesterer; back row, Kayla Dugger, advisor Betty Johnson and Krystal Moss. Not pictured are advisor Charlie Vunovic and Willi Connolly.

## Ulch wins trip to Vegas

Jerry Ulch III was the lucky winner of a trip for two to Las Vegas in the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Southwestern Illinois fifth House Raffle.

His name was chosen in the Early Bird Bonus Drawing.

You can still enter to win a \$185,000 Wellington home, built by Fulford Homes, or \$120,000. Only 3,500 raffle certificates will be sold at \$100 each. Fulford Homes will build the \$185,000 dream home in the Manors of Fairwood Hills in O'Fallon.

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Call 398-3162 for more information.

The house raffle drawing will be held on Sept. 30 in the Center Court at St. Clair Square.

## Milestones

Aug. 15  
Joann Cook turns 47  
Robert "Bob" Anderson turns 29

Jarrod Gruenward turns 10  
Donald White turns 19  
Also celebrating a birthday:  
Marge Redding

Aug. 16  
Barb Levart turns 32  
Thomas Ostresh turns 44  
William Weidner turns 44  
Brenda Mendenhall turns 55  
Also celebrating birthdays:  
Ricky Collison Sr. and Cody Schmidt  
Celebrating an anniversary:  
Tim and Teri Schieb

Aug. 17  
Matthew Powell turns 8  
David Hollenback turns 6  
Also celebrating a birthday:  
Jeff Lennox  
Celebrating an anniversary:  
Robert and Janice Stanton, 42 years

Aug. 18  
Dave Badgett turns 24  
Erica Cook turns 12  
Karl Robertson turns 10  
Cindy Clutts turns 45  
Also celebrating a birthday:  
Richard Kube

Aug. 19  
Heather McCoy turns 5  
Also celebrating birthdays:  
Emma Kudelka, Sylvia Theis and Donald Barts  
Celebrating an anniversary:  
Kim and Dan Parks, 30 years

Aug. 20  
Alexis Oliver turns 19  
Truman Coggia turns 78  
Mary F. Barco turns 60  
Also celebrating a birthday:  
Dawn Nancy

Aug. 21  
Amanda Flora turns 18  
Tara Davis turns 48  
Anita Whitt turns 62  
Tiffany Cook turns 4  
Sheryl Revell turns 34  
Austin Jones turns 4  
Brent Clutts turns 25  
Also celebrating a birthday:  
Rose Bauer

To submit an item to Milestones or delete an entry, send a postcard to Milestones, Granite City Journal, 1815 Delmar Ave., Granite City, 62040.

Please notify the paper if a person listed in Milestones has died or no longer wishes to be listed.

## Central Christian youths form new community Sunday school class

The seventh- and eighth-graders, with the help of their teachers, Betty Johnson and Charlie Vunovic, of Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Granite City, have formed a new Sunday school class and have chosen to name their class the Do-Gooders. Their goal is to combine service to others with fun and good fellowship.

On their first money-raising project, a car wash at O'Brien's Tire and Service Company, they raised \$250. This was on one of the hottest days of the year but they had a successful afternoon.

Many in the congregation who bought car wash tickets

did so with no intention of actually using them. With the money they raised, the Do-Gooders gave part of it to the church during Sunday morning worship.

They plan to send a contribution to a Christian church in Springfield, Mo., which burned down just as it was nearing construction completion.

They are buying supplies for disaster kits, which will be sent to those suffering from floods, earthquakes and other disasters.

The children also plan to

do a greeting card mailing project for St. Jude's Ranch residents.

The class also attended "Annie" at the Municipal Opera in St. Louis with special \$5 tickets they received from one of the directors of The Mundy. The tickets usually cost \$27.

Social events are planned for each month.

Members of the new class are Natasha Thompson, Mallory Koesterer, Caitlin O'Toole, Shelley Clark, Tiffany Lalla, Krystal Moss, and Willi Connolly. Anyone is welcome to join the Do-Gooders.

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## GMC's "sportside" Sierra has macho look

By Tom Strongman

With its bulging rear fenders, GMC's "sportside" Sierra pickup truck looks about as tough as a Harley-Davidson.

The "sportside" is one of two body styles available on this new truck. The "wideside," with smooth sides, is the more typical look.

Since the "sportside" bed is some 11 inches narrower than the regular one, it would not be the best choice if maximum hauling capacity is your priority. Since most pickups are personal-use vehicles, hauling capacity is not much of an issue for most folks.

The Sierra is completely new this year, and it is significantly improved over the previous model, even though its styling is not a radical departure. Key elements of the new design are a bigger cab, longer wheelbase and tons of mechanical improvements. It is available in standard 1500 and heavy-duty 2500 series.

A number of items set the new Sierra apart from its predecessor. First is a new family of Vortec V-8 engines that consists of 4.8-liter, 5.3-liter and 6.0-liter versions. This engine's basic architecture shares its roots with the V-8 from the Corvette, and as such it is quick-revving, powerful and gutsy.

Our test truck, a four-wheel-drive (4WD) extended-cab 1500, was equipped with the 5.3-liter engine, clearly the best of the bunch for all-around use. This engine is smaller, yet more powerful and less polluting, than the 5.7-liter engine from last year.

quick and easy. One reason people buy trucks is for towing trailers. Knowing that, GMC engineers wanted the Sierra to come already equipped for such a task. The automatic transmission has a Tow/Haul mode activated by a button on the end of the gear lever. Tow/Haul lengthens the time between shifts, yet shifts quicker for less loss of momentum.

Towing capacity is 8,000 pounds for a 4WD 1500 with a 5.3-liter V-8 and 10,500 pounds for a heavy-duty 4WD 2500 with the 6.0-liter engine. The second area that sets the new Sierra apart is a larger cab. The extended cab is 3.7 inches longer than last year, and the rear seat back is angled back 18 degrees for more comfortable seating.

Access to the second seat is through a third door on the passenger side. One major flaw is the lack of a fourth door, but that is being rectified on the 2000 model trucks out this fall.

The Sierra's seats are extremely comfortable. I sampled them in both cloth and leather, and both have firm lumbar and lateral support. The leather is more luxurious, but the cloth is cooler in hot weather.

Seat belts are built into the front seats, and that has a couple of benefits. Getting into the back seat is simpler because the passenger doesn't have to duck under belts, and the belts fit the same no matter how the front seats are adjusted. Seat travel is about one-third greater than the old truck.

fold out from the center. A Driver Message Center monitors 18 functions and warns if the transmission gets too hot, as it might during towing. A standard engine/sound use readout is welcome for those who know that time can be more important than mileage.

Heating and cooling capacity has been increased by 40 percent, yet the sound has been reduced. Heat ducts direct warm air to rear-seat passengers' feet.

The forward view is panoramic. Side mirrors and side windows are both larger than the old truck.

The third way the Sierra differs from last year's truck is its hydroformed frame composed of three distinct sections. It is 28 pounds lighter than the old one, is stronger and absorbs more energy in a crash. A side benefit is that it should be easier and less costly to repair crash damage. The wheelbase is 1.5 inches longer.

Another area of significant improvement is the brakes. Larger, four-wheel discs come with standard anti-lock, and they do a much better job of stopping quickly. Their larger size was enabled in part by the standard 16-inch wheels.

The base price of our 4WD 1500 Series extended-cab test truck was \$27,230. Options included power windows, remote keyless entry, air conditioning, chrome grill, cost aluminum wheels, AM/FM stereo with CD player, the 5.3-liter V-8, 3.7 axle ratio, rear window defogger, limited-slip differential and trailer package.

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Also, seeking freelance writers to cover city council and school district meetings in the North County and North St. Louis area.

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News desk veterans, or upcoming college graduates with skill and school experience are encouraged to apply. Great stress on related desktop publishing capabilities a plus.

The Jefferson County Journal offers competitive salaries and high quality benefit options. Journalists interested in expanding or launching their careers are asked to send a resume and samples to:

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Managing Editor  
Jefferson County Journals  
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Festus, MO 63028-0398

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**HOUSEKEEPERS**

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Sharon's Maid Service Inc.

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**JOIN TEAM C.D.I.**

Local telemarketing company has openings all shifts! Telemarketers work five days a week and every other Saturday. Full & Part Time Hours Available

- Guaranteed \$5.15 an hour plus bonus
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Immediate opening for an individual with at least five years experience in the industrial maintenance field. Must have a strong background in Electrical Repair, Programmable Controls and Pneumatics. He/she capable of troubleshooting and repairing various types of industrial equipment. Must have own tools.

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Small, St. Louis area chemical packaging company needs mature person capable of working with minimal supervision, for position as follows:

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- Maingaining inventory of hazardous materials and packaging materials.
- Maintaining associated equipment.
- Must have good mechanical ability.
- Meticulous attention to detail, safety and regularity requirements is necessary.
- Must be customer-service oriented.
- "WHATEVER IT TAKES!" attitude is a must.
- Flexibility needed as requirements shift and change.

Full benefits package. Fax resume with salary history to 314/894-2671.

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Stylist needed Hourly Wage + Bonus. Paid Vacations, Sales Benefits. Full & Part Time Positions. Call 452-9222

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The successful candidates must possess strong communication skills, excellent customer service skills, and be able to work in a fast-paced environment. Various Missouri and Illinois assignments are available as well as full and part-time schedules.

We offer above average wages and an outstanding benefit package to all full-time employees. Benefits include medical, dental and life insurance. Pension and a matching 401(k) Plan are also part of the benefit package.

If you would like to be considered for an opportunity in the Security field with SHOP 'N' SAVE, please apply in person, Monday through Friday, 8:30am-4:00pm or send a current resume to the following location: NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE!

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Security Loss Prevention  
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Kirksville, MO 63222

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**REQUIREMENTS:**

- High School Diploma
- Minimum processing of data entry experience
- Computerized experience preferred
- Must be able to utilize information efficiently while maintaining confidentiality

**DUTIES:**

- Monitor and respond appropriately to various alarms
- Assist physicians, patients, family, and staff through computerized information systems
- Facilitate call and paging transfers
- Act as an information source

Unity Health offers an excellent salary commensurate with experience and an outstanding benefits package including health, dental, and vision coverage and earned time off program and tuition assistance.

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